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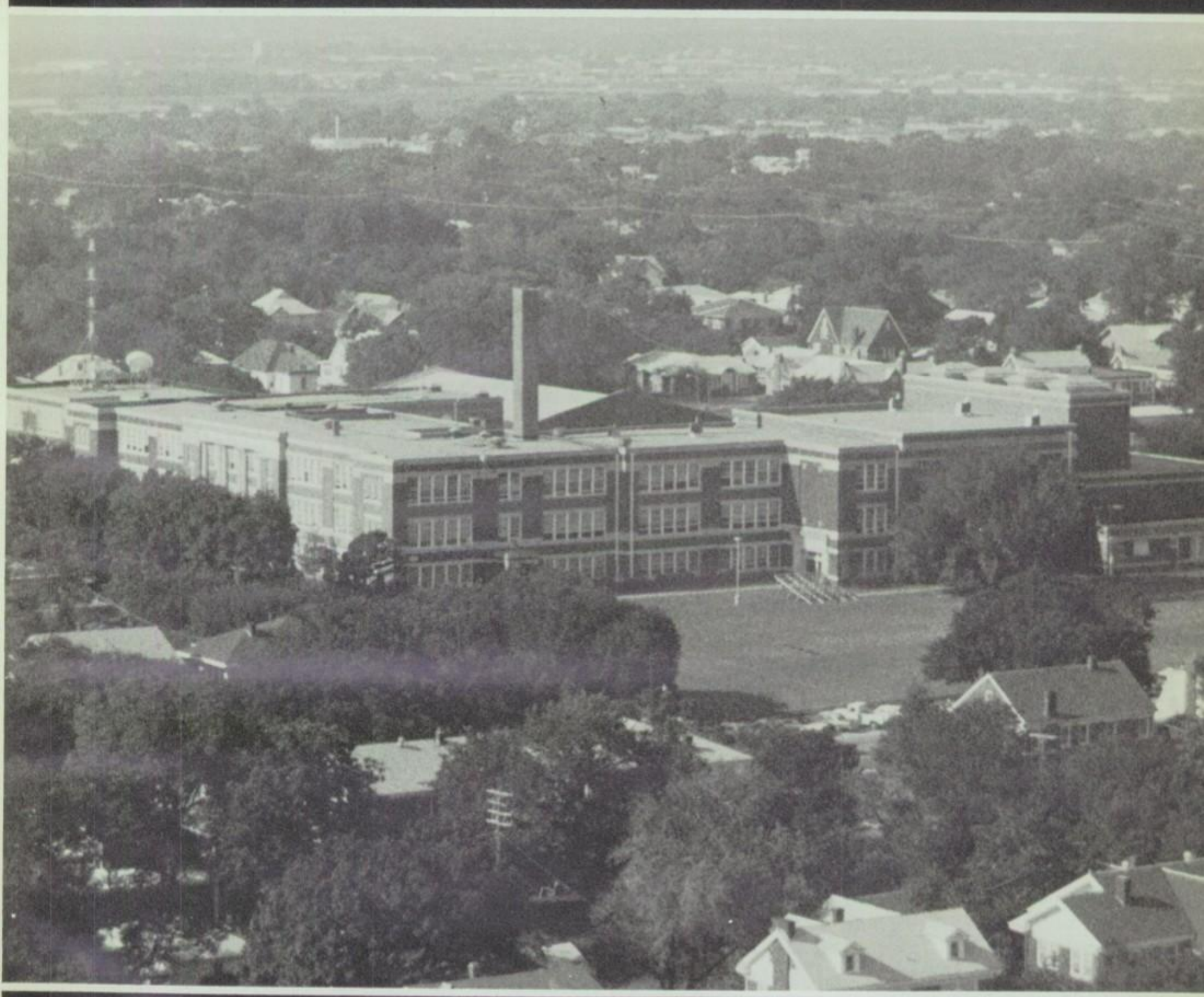

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1. Diana Winslow spends a sunny afternoon playing tennis. 2. Student teacher Ms. Lafferty helps Tony Tiger with his project in Ceramics I. 3. Even though she doesn't show it, Gwyn Gilkeson is excited about the Homecoming Parade.

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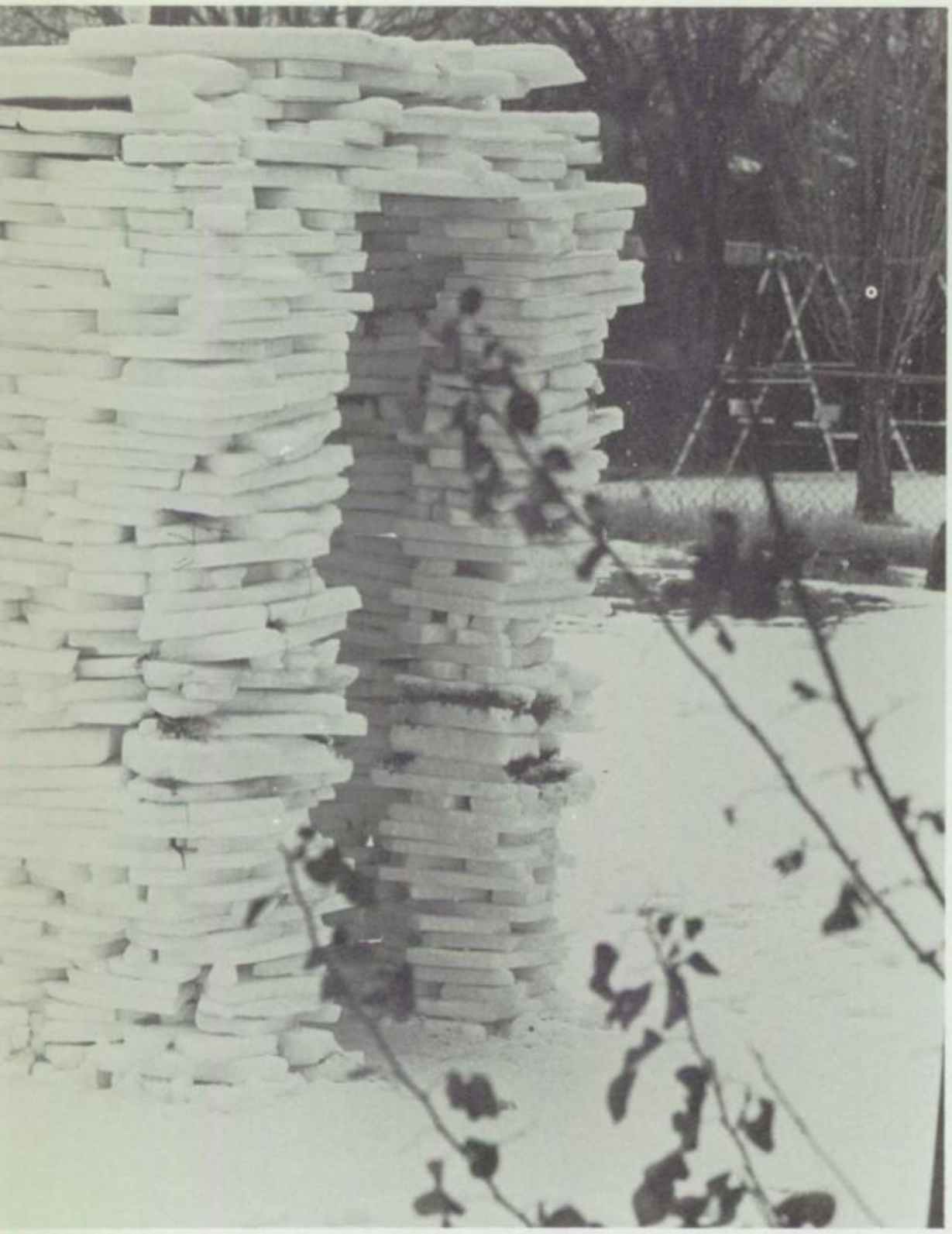

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1. Brian Jones, junior, built a house made of ice during days off from school in January's snow storm. 2. Drama students act up during the cast party following '' Night of January 16th''

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"A Typical
Year At Classen
Is Spent In
The Bathroom."

— Diana Winslow

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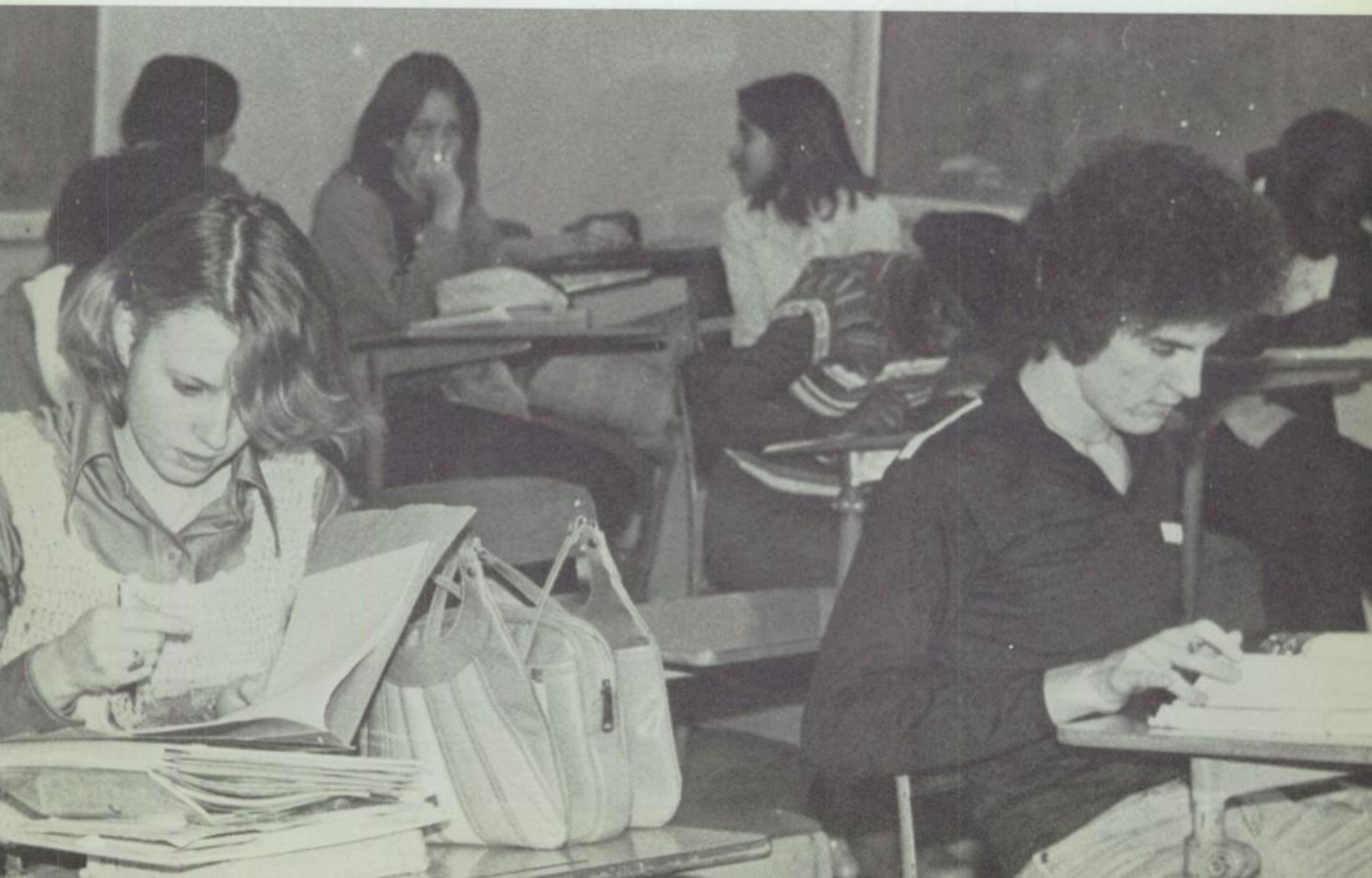
1. Leading spirit with a smile is color gaurd, Teresa Sheets. 2. Kent Dahlstrom, proves that even Swedish Exchange students can chase girls. 3. Connie Nash, junior, waits for bus outside gym.

Junior Sherry Stevenson prepares homcomeing decorations. 2. Don Bly tells pep assembly crowd that Comet roundballers will win. 3. Tyoga Luther and Donna Allen study hard to pass history finals.



"Think How Moldable Our Students Are . . . The Trouble Is Someone Molded Them Before We Got Them. Remember Those Monster Molds That Came Out 3 Or 4 Years Ago?"
-Mr. Chuck Keeler

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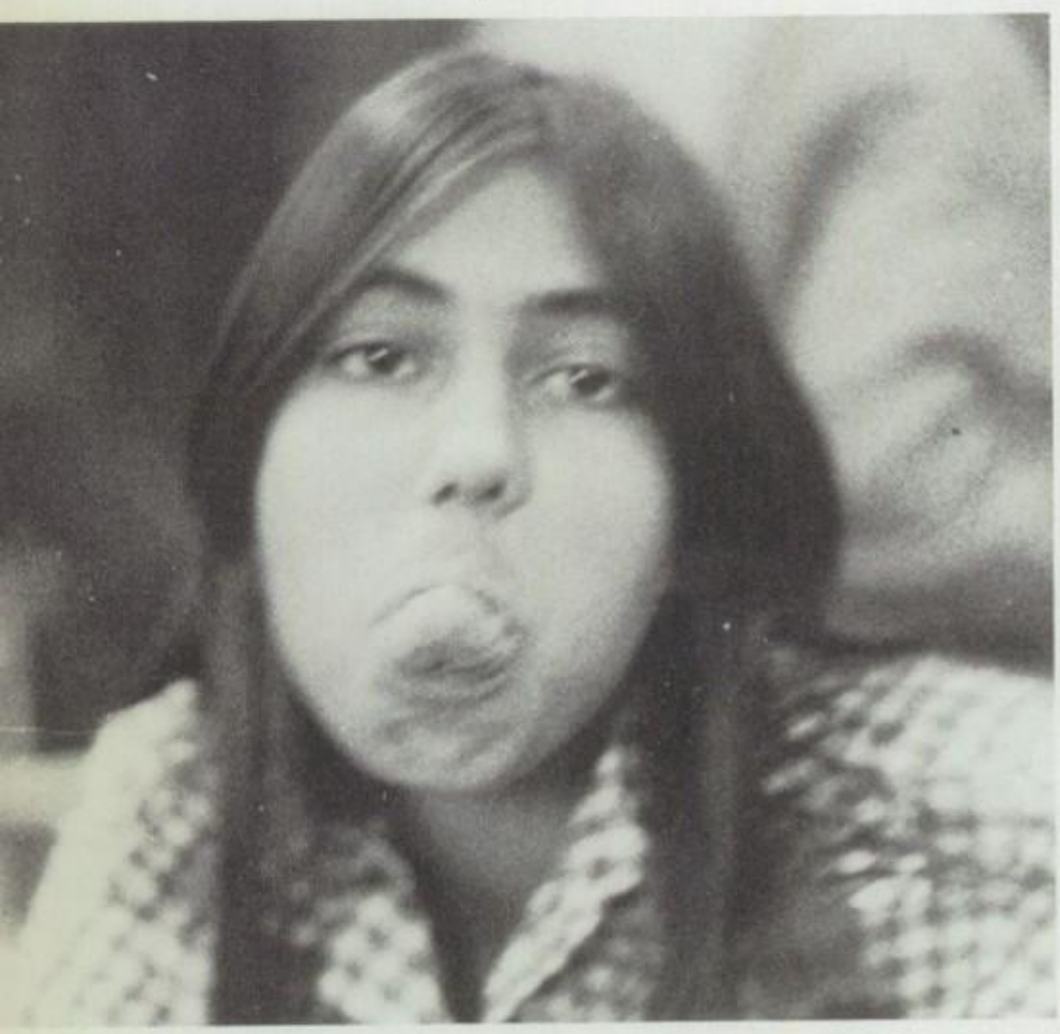

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1. Kerry Mucker (far left) escorts two good-looking girls to class. 2. Throwing another one of her tantrums is Nora O'Neal. 3. Kanh Quach (seated) and Dai Nguyen enjoy visiting in French Class.

"It's Not The Student Body I Mind. It's The Students With No Bodies!"
-Paul Henricks

1. Miss Gail Simmons and Dr. Sally R. Cole enjoy a Classen football game. 2. Stacy Davis, Gina Gilmore, and Le Clouse enjoy antics at Honor Society initiation.

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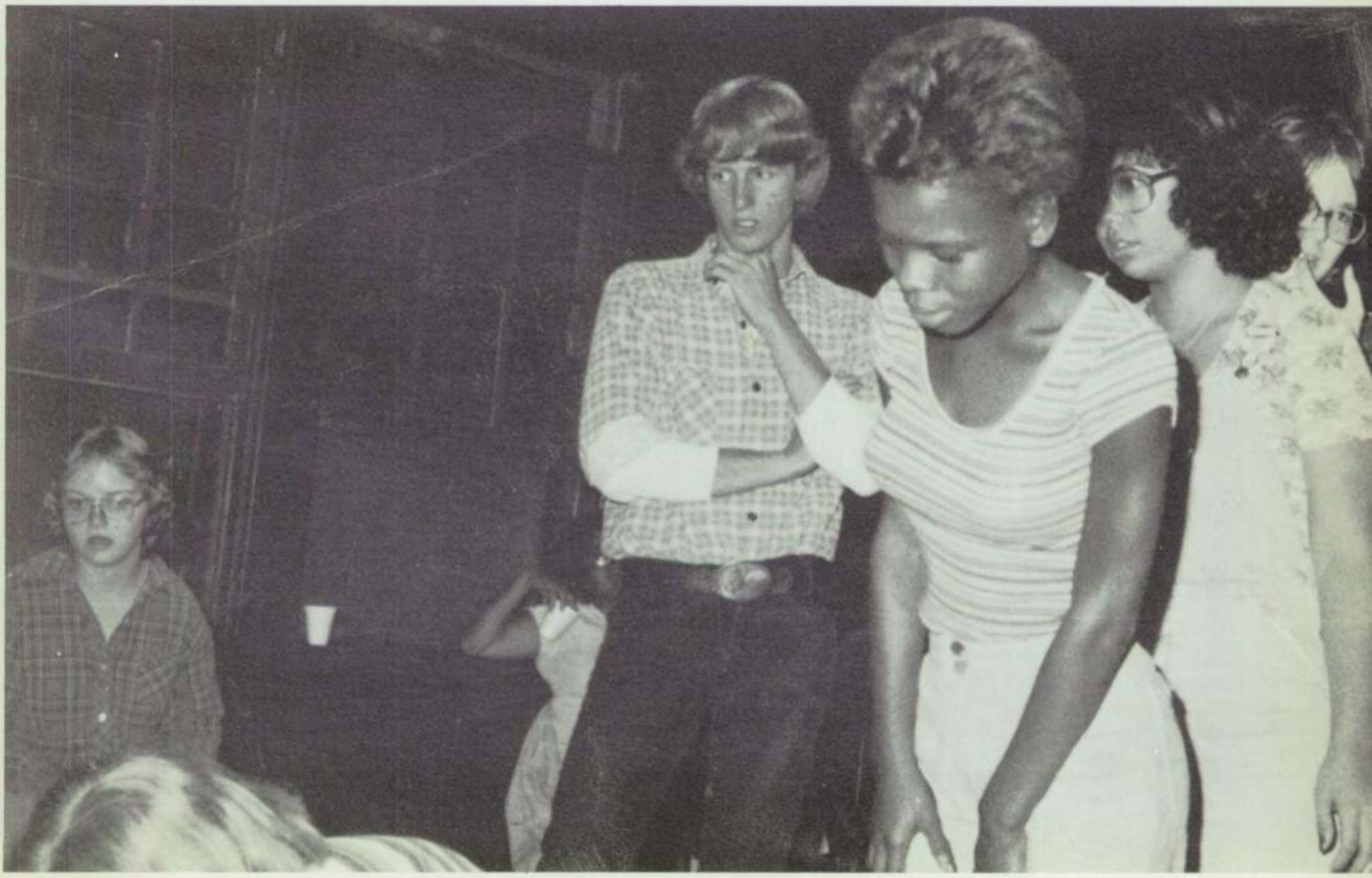

"People cut classen — the radio, t.v., newspapers — but the rumors concerning classen's demise are greatly exaggerated."
— Eric McDonald

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1. Girls' O'Club held Christmas party at Shelia Mitchell's house. 2. Kevin Fleming and Russell Bentley discuss school matters. 3. Willie Jackson stops in the halls to talk to students.

"Sometimes I Wonder If It's Worth Waking Up Every Day And Going To School. Well, I Guess It Beats Frying Doughnuts At Winchell's."
-Debbie Chastain

1. Taking first place, by a long shot, is Kim Russell. 2. Ever heard of the "The Little Christmas Tree?" Well, this is Classen's very own. 3. Mrs. Roena Smith chows down on snacks at faculty meeting while Mr. Darryl Johnson fixes his own.

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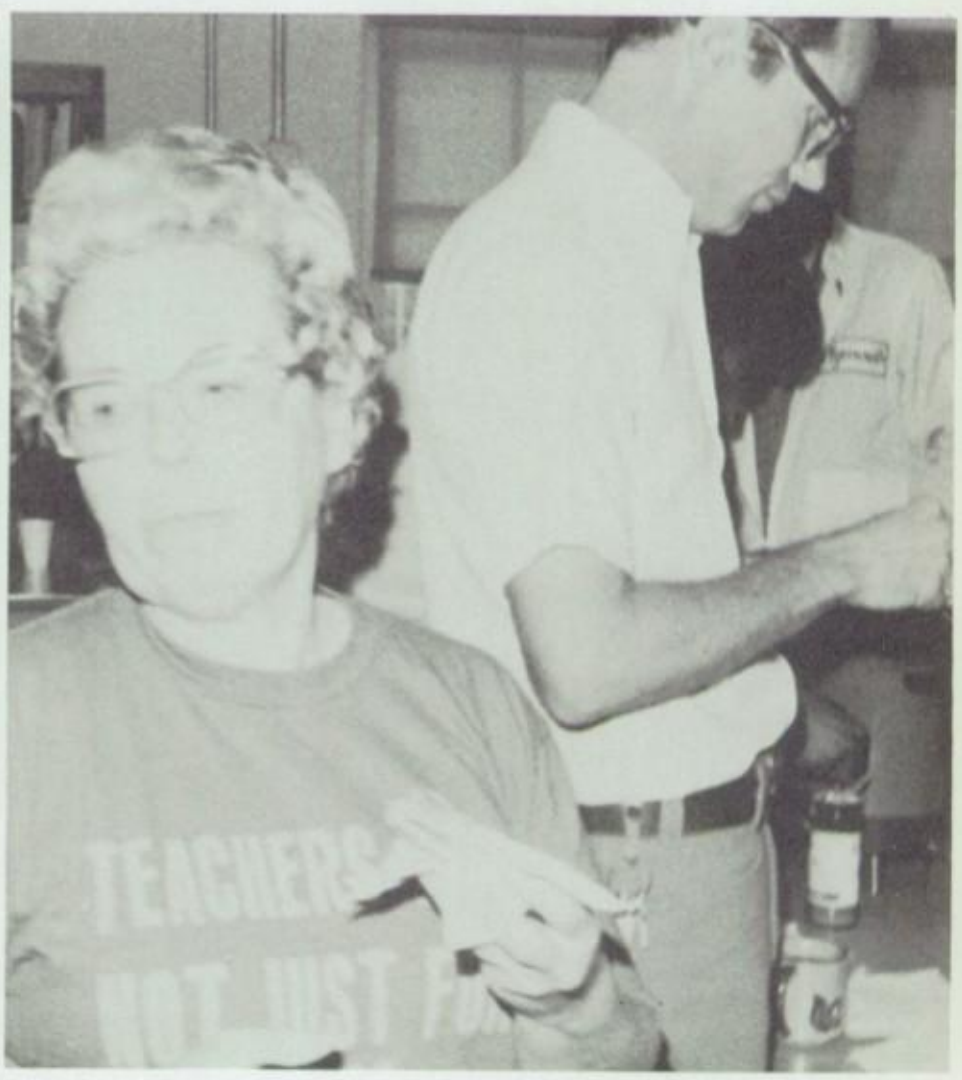

"When You Get To Be A Senior Your Financial Obligations Build Up. I Owe The School About Fifty Bucks."
-Wayne Coyne

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1. Ms. Pyle and Ms. Tremain discuss financial obligations in the office. 2. James Lee, Alma Via, and Brian Jones prove that aLl pep assemblies aren't exciting! 3. Staying in character is important to Gywn Gilkerson, in "The Night of January 16th."

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1. Constance Nash, Michael Littlejohn and Karen Friday experiment with paints in Mr. Keeler's art class. 2. Carmen Thompson, Gerald Reeves, Tina Mc Donald, and Annette Johnson plan after school activities. 3. Stacy Davis packs locker with school supplies. 4. Ceramics classes were full this year. Larry Oliver and Anita Hall finish projects.

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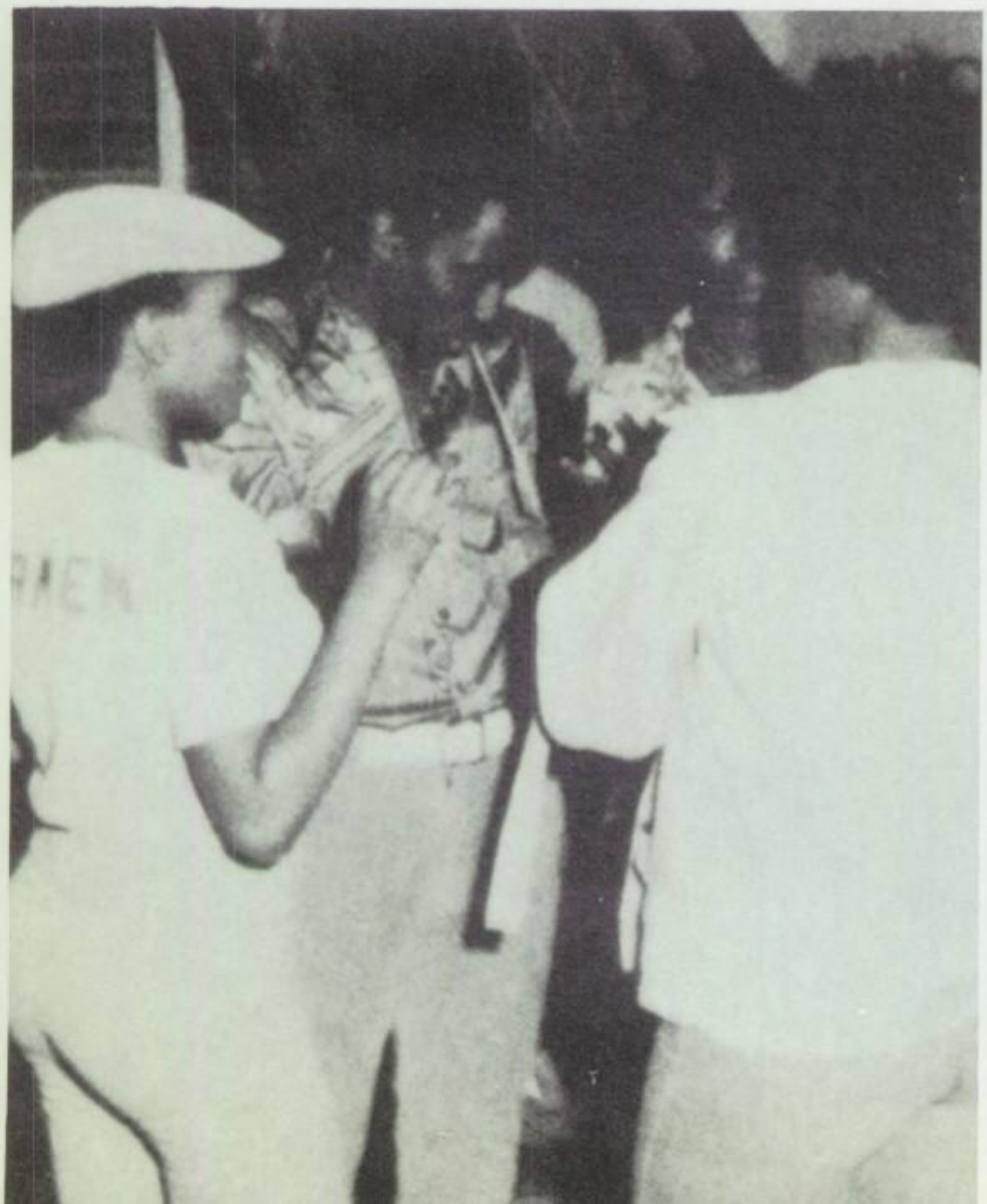

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All Sports Queen Selected

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Cheryl Herron Crowned

Probably the most exciting thing to most people about Homecoming was the election of the All Sports Queen.

Cheryl Herron was crowned All Sports Queen. Also elected and crowned were Kathy Brown, princess of cross country, football, and softball; Sheila Mitchell, princess of wrestling, swimming, and basketball; Cindy Ward, princess of baseball, adminton, and volleyball; and Pam Kepler, princess of track, golf, and tennis. They were all crowned at the football game on October 13th.

1. Pam Kepler checks out trophy she received. John Sames escorted Pam. 2. Steve Dennis and Cindy Ward are presented at homecoming game. 3. Gerald Reeves escorted Kathy Brown to homecoming festivities. 4. Stacy Davis helps Sheila Mitchell with her trophy and corsage. 5. Cindy Ward and Pam Kepler embrace each other during homecoming parade. 6. All Sports Queen for 1978 is Cheryl Herron. Clifford Braxton assists in the coronation. Series: Cheryl Herron is ecstatic over the news that she has been elected queen.

Classen Medal Of Honor Winners

Classen High School annually bestows its two highest awards to a senior boy and girl whom the faculty has decided deserve to win the Medals of Honor. The Medal of Honor is actually a medallion scholarship endowment which was conceived by the late Mrs. Anton H. Classen, for whose husband Classen High School is named.

The medals are given to the top male and female who exhibit the qualities of scholarship, leadership, character, and strength.

Laura Faulk and Gerald Reeves have won this year's medals. Laura has a grade point of 3.85, is a member of the Honor Society, Drama Club, and the tennis team. Gerald has a 3.00 overall and is senior class president, played on the football team, ran track, and represented Classen at Boys State.

Senior females receiving the Ella D. Classen awards are Carol Bentley and Susan Scott. Males who received the Anton H. Classen awards are Joel Chapman and Terry Richardson.

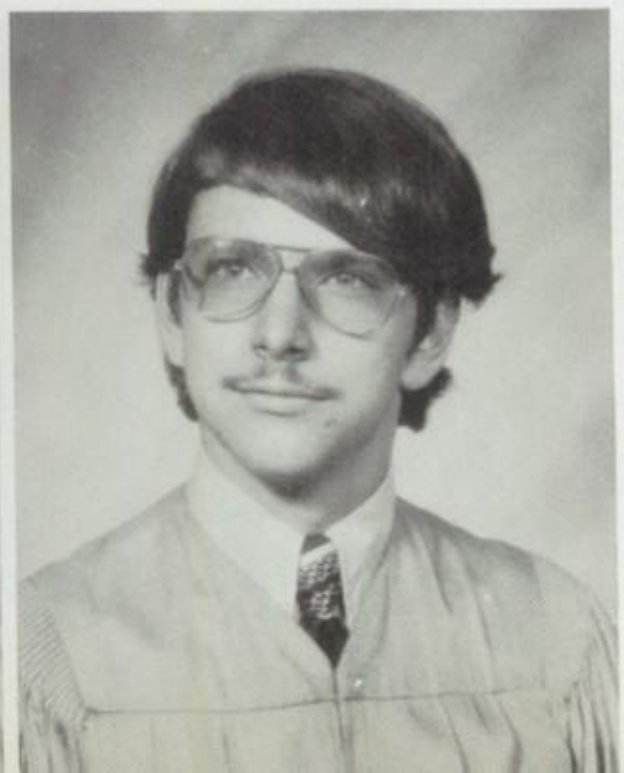
Laura Faulk

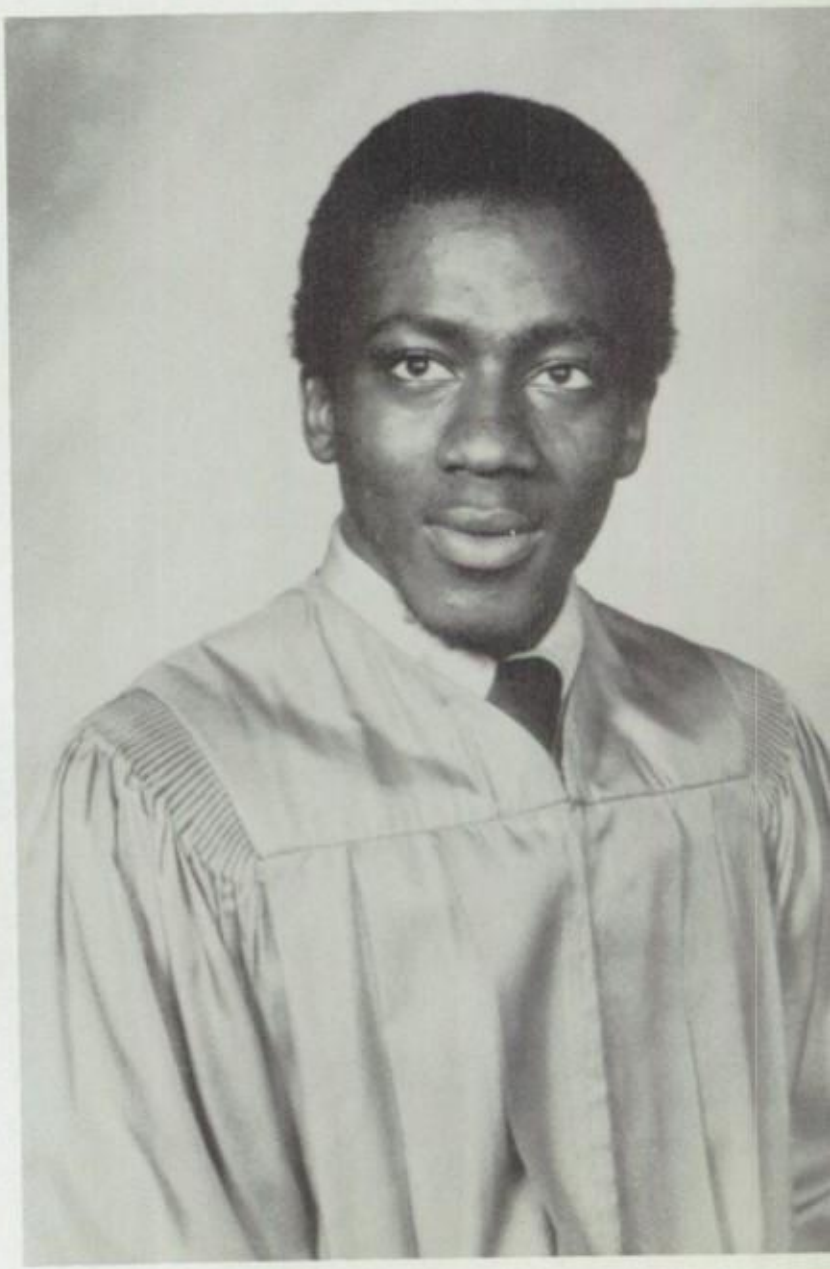
Carol Bentley

Susan Scott

Joel Chapman

Terry Richardson





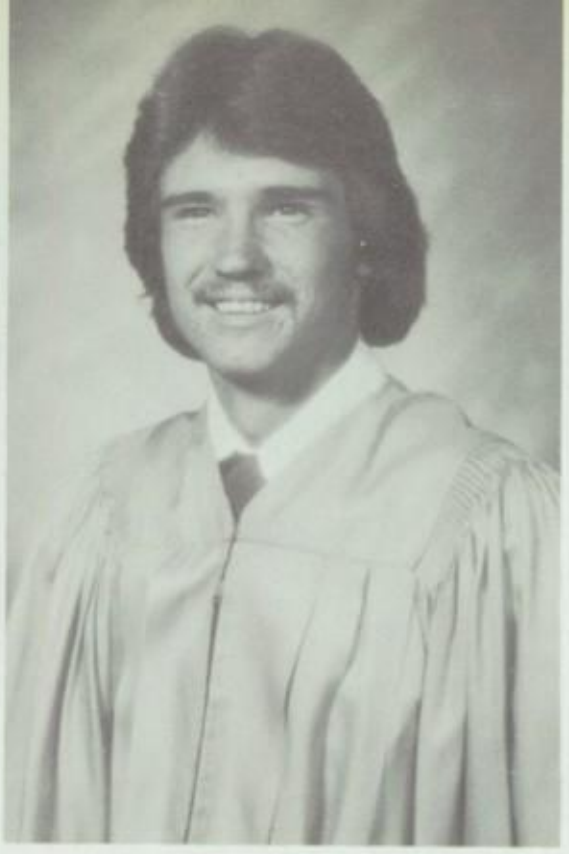
Gerald Reeves

Classen Faculty Awards

Faculty award winners for 1979 are Le Clouse, Steve Dennis, Moreth Doeur, Kevin Fleming, Gina Gilmore, Jesse Hicks, Eric McDonald, Roxann Parker, Doug Riggs, and Donna Sale.

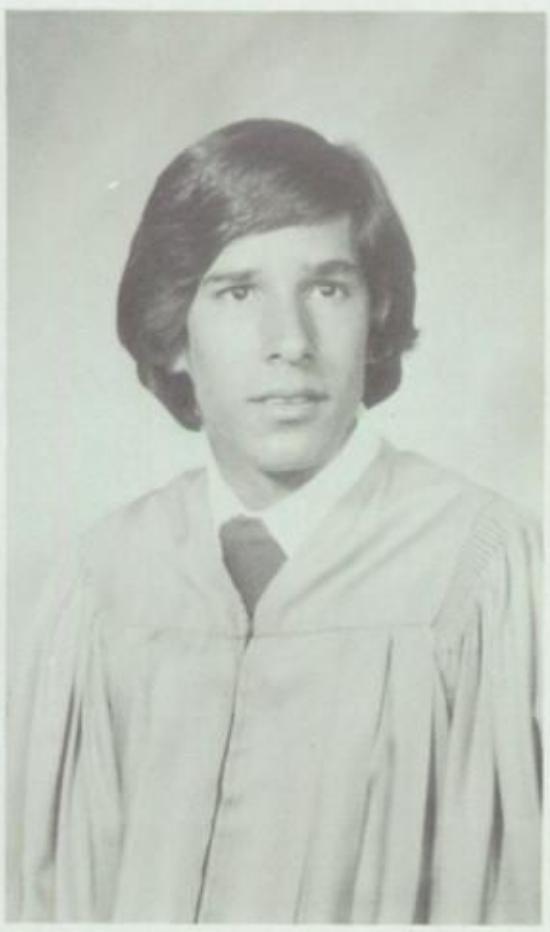
Each year the faculty selects five senior females and five senior males to be recognized as those students who have contributed the most to the school through activities, scholarship and concern for others. Other qualities and requirements are service to the school, good citizenship, character, dependability, cooperation, loyalty, and integrity.

Le Clouse



Steve Dennis

Moreth Doeur



Kevin Fleming

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Jesse Hicks

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Doug Riggs

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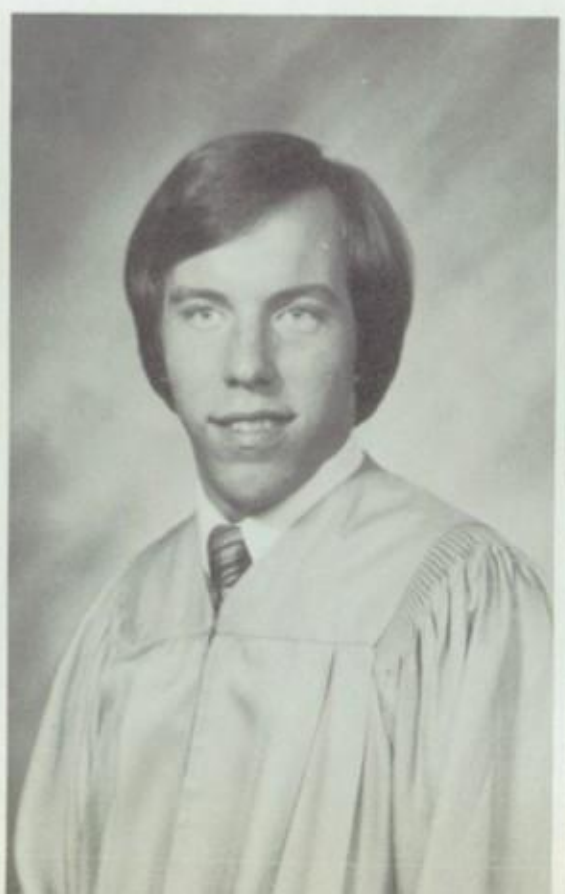

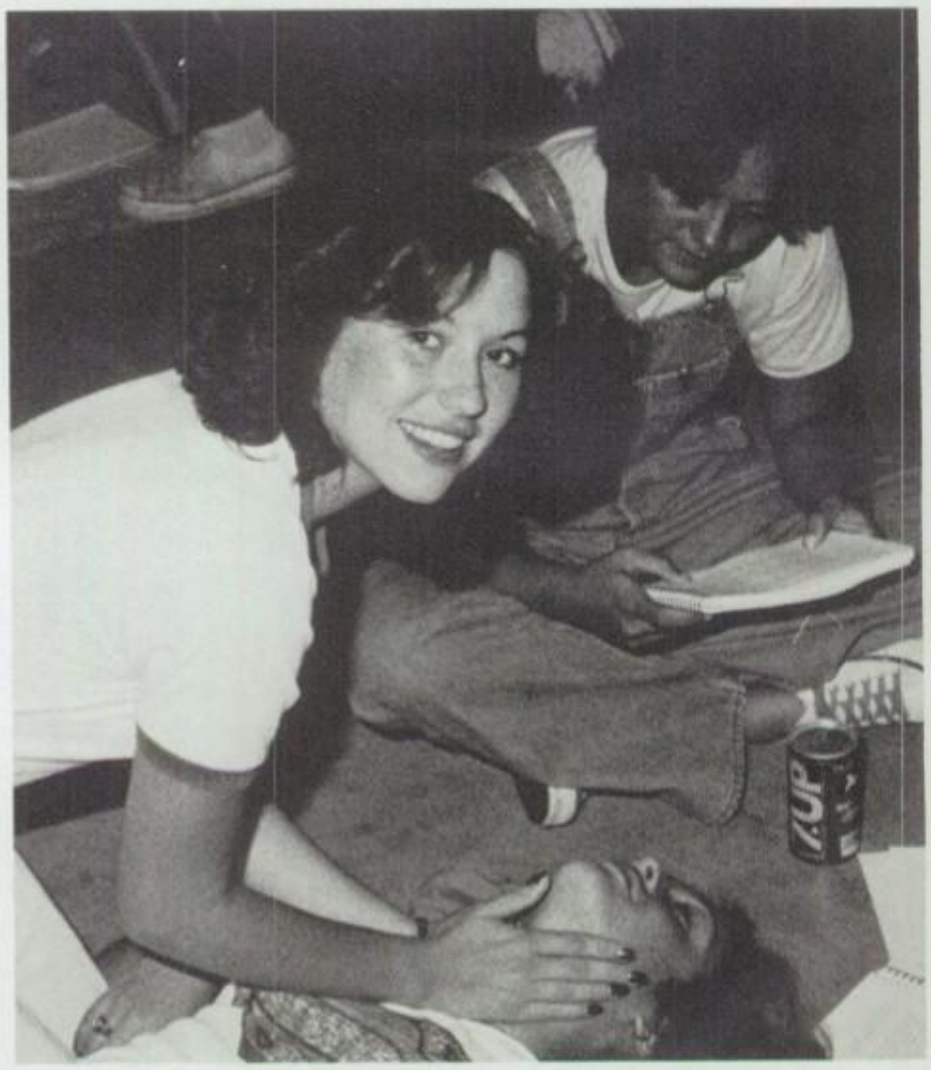

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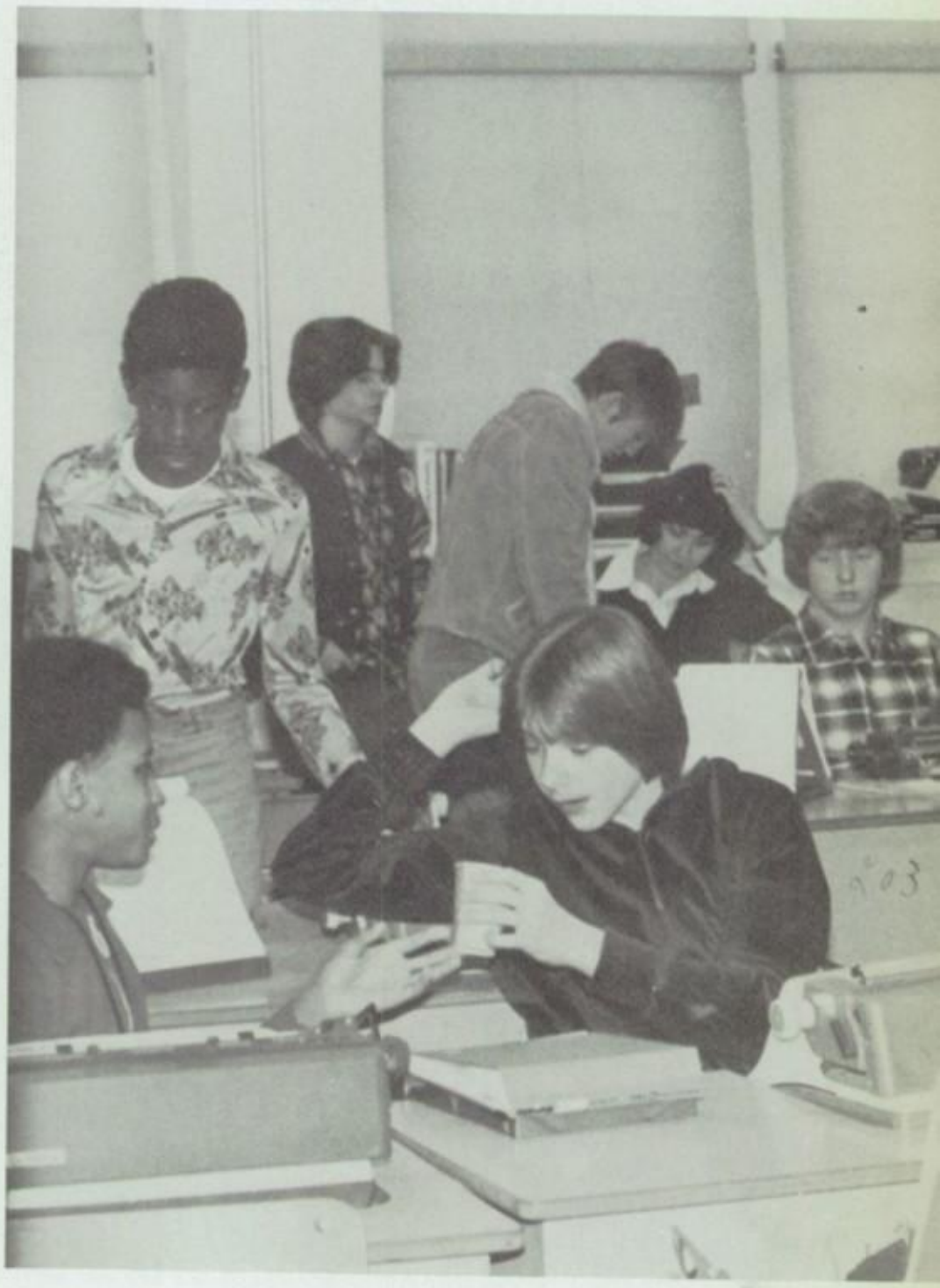

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Red Cross Boasts Largest Enrollment And Most Involvement

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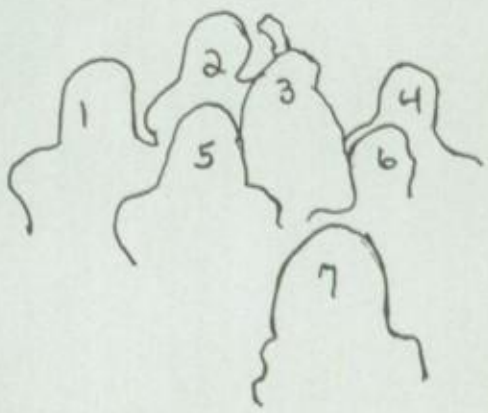
1. Doug Riggs takes a rest after a nature walk during the retreat. 2. James Lee is still hanging around. 3. Paying close attention to the instructor are Roxann Parker, Carol Bentley, and Radawna Mitchell. 4. Stacy Davis practices artificial respiration on doll. 5. Mr. Sperling visited England last summer on Red Cross program. 6. Doug Winters applies first aid to Suzanna Ogle. 7. Pam Kepler takes it easy at the retreat by taking a nap.

Comet Force - New Name, But Old Problems

Comet Force - it (the Pep Club) had a new name, but it still had the same old problems. The club had new uniforms, but few ever wore them - even at the games. Some people thought they had so little spirit and interest because the football team did not win, but attitudes were the same through basketball and wrestling seasons. The more things change, the more things stay the same.

Comet Force
Gloria Childs
Sandy Dixon
Mary Hansen
Pam Kepler
Angie Martin
Paula Mitchell
Robin Mitchell
Shelia Mitchell
Adalidia Morales
Grace Morales
Carolyn Morris
Marie Moss
Nora O'Neal
Donita Plunkett
Sonja Roberts
Carmen Ward
Becky Wilhite
Pat Williams
Perry Wilson

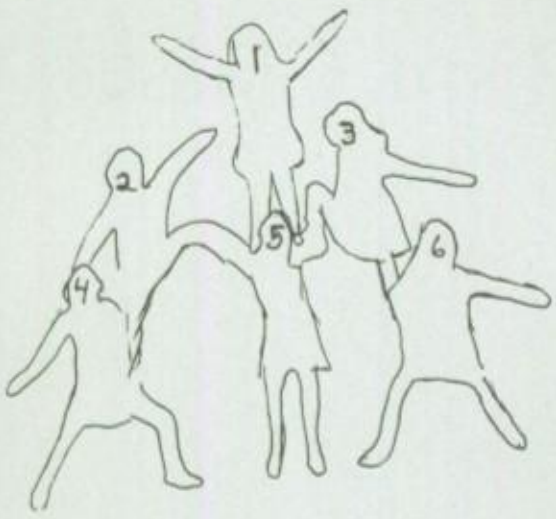
JV Cheerleaders



1. Paula Mitchell
2. Catherine Morris
3. Becky Wilhite
4. Janis Taylor
5. Marie Moss
6. Mary Hanson
7. Patricia Williams

Cheerful Cheerleaders Cheer On

Varsity Cheerleaders



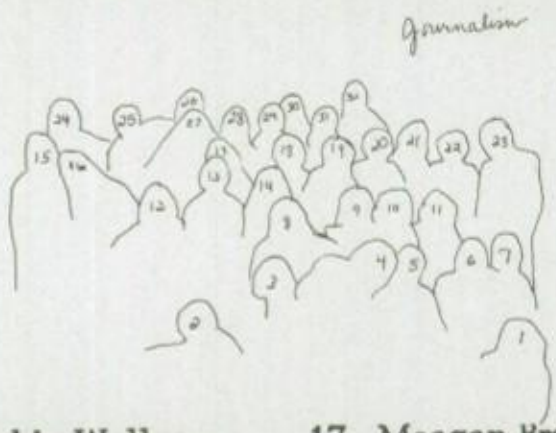
1. Pam Kepler
2. Gloria Childs
3. Robin Mitchell
4. Donita Plunkett
5. Sheila Mitchell
6. Carolyn Morris

Responsibility Falls On Journalism Classes

The year began as probably every other school year had for the journalism department with yearbook and newspaper deadlines due within the first few weeks, but things came to an abrupt stop or, at least, slowdown when the news of the budget was unveiled. The newspaper and yearbook funds were $1,600 in debt from previous years of mismanagement.

Plans for the traditional 152-page collegiate style yearbook complete with color pictures were scrapped for the more compact, black-and-white book. The 24-page magazine-style newspaper which had won top honors in state press competitions had also helped add tremendously to the skyrocketing deficit.

The staffs, Ms. Allen, Dr. Cole, and the Community Action Program, lodged in Classen's second-floor, talked, haggled, and maneuvered a smaller 12-page newspaper with the same format. It may not have won any awards, but it paid for itself and then some. That, in itself, was prize enough.



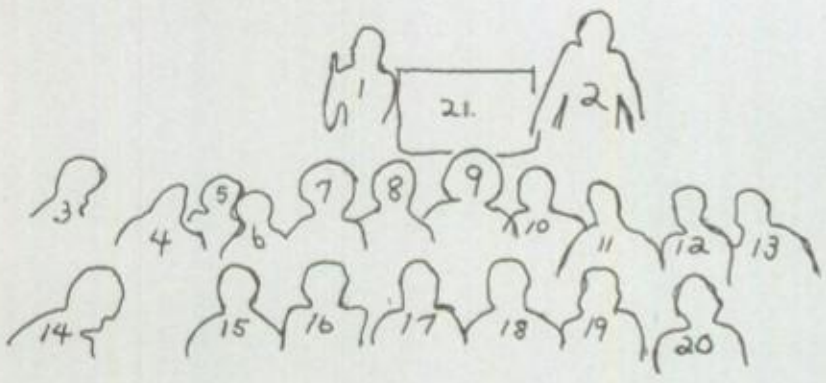
1. Robin Wallace
2. Eric McDonald
3. Beth Koczorowski
4. Richard English
5. Karen Brady
6. Gerald Reeves
7. Deitric Pierson
8. Roxann Parker
9. Cindy Ward
10. Kirsten Tucker
11. Sherry Stewart
12. Scott Barkley
13. Scott Wallace
14. Kristy Baddelo
15. Troy Carey
16. Marcy Danford
17. Meagan Brown
18. Margaret Travis
19. Kim Russell
20. Doug Riggs
21. Scott Smith
22. Sandra Robbins
23. John Sames
24. Deborah Chastain
25. Charles Harris
26. Donna Curtis
27. Diana Winslow
28. Vicki Wise
29. Dale Holliman
30. Ms. Ellen Allen
31. Ronald Chastain
32. Paul Henrichs

1. Diana Winslow
2. Tony Franklin, newspaper ed.
3. Deborah Chastain
4. Meagan Brown
5. Eric McDonald, yearbook ed.
6. Marcy Danford
7. Robin Wallace
8. Karen Brady

Eric McDonald edited this year's Orbit.

Athletes Count It Down In O'Club

O'Club Officers are Eddie Jones, Don Bly, Eric McDonald, and Morris Williams.



1. Eric McDonald
2. Morris Williams
3. Eddie Carson
4. Prince Bridges
5. Don Bly
6. Mike Fulsom
7. Kerry Mucker
8. Mark Zackery
9. Terry Pickett
10. Clifford Braxton
11. Eddie Jones
12. Larry Oliver
13. Wendall Moore
14. Adolph Rambo
15. Willie Edwards
16. Scott Smith
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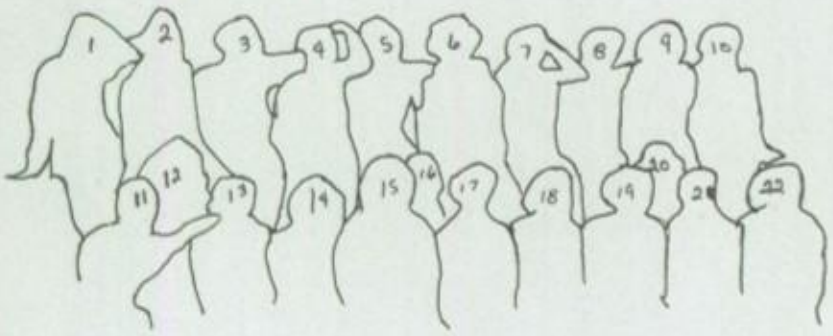
18. Stacy Davis
19. Kenneth Tice
20. Darrell Ward
21. "NO SMOKING" Sign

Girls O'Club - Active In Many Endeavors



1. Becky Wilhite
2. Cheryl Baxter
3. Robin Mitchell
4. Melody English
5. Sherry Herndon
6. Tammy Downey
7. Carmen Thompson
8. Janice Taylor
9. Annette Johnson
10. Andrea Griffin
11. Kim Russell
12. Angela Simpson
13. Karen Brady
14. Teresa Mount
15. Lori Hames
16. Pam Kepler
17. Donita Plunkett
18. Shelia Mitchell
19. LeAnn Wood
20. Jacky Wilhite
21. Cynthia Sheets
22. Darlene Reber

It's Better In French

Marcus Stewart, Tyoga Luther, Hai Tran, and Robbie Wess smile after tumble at skating party sponsored by the French and Spanish Clubs.

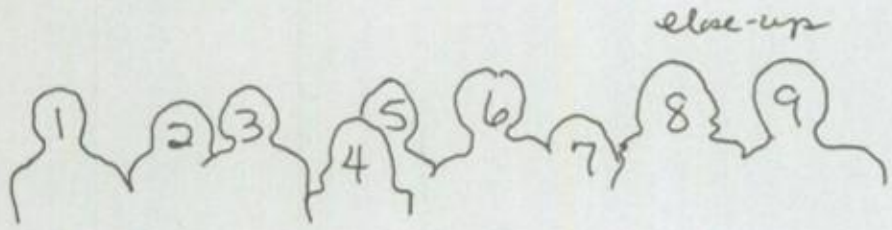
FRENCH CLUB

1. Ms. Helen Roach
2. Hien Cao
3. Lisa Heinlein
4. Melody English
5. Vannalack Southaphon
6. Lillian Wilson
7. Wanda Worley
8. Helen Albazi
9. Perri Wilson
10. Vanviley Soutnaphon
11. Diana Winslow
12. Oai Tran
14. Kevin Shaw
15. Esther Foster
16. Mike McClain
17. Deip Tran
18. Hai Tran
19. The Troung
20. Ronald Ingram
21. Thank Nguyen
22. Son Nguyen
23. Dai Nguyen
24. Sandy Dixon
25. Charles Harris
26. Helen Wolford

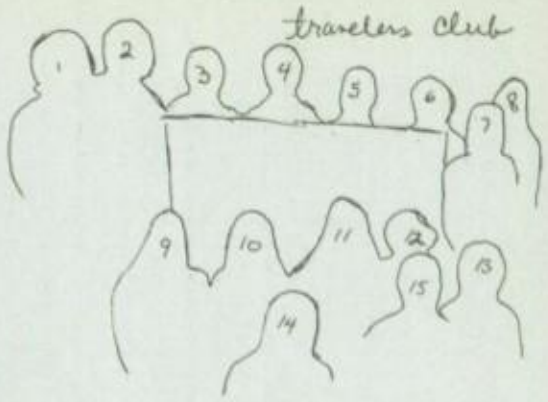
1. Aurelian Defendini
2. Hector Olvera
3. Tyoga Luther
4. Jose Vasquez
5. Yvonne Maloney
6. Cory James
7. Tedra Nimsey
8. Donna Sale
9. Kim Nimsey
10. Marleny Tapia
11. Ahmed Defendini
12. Lisa Washington
13. Carolyn Irons
14. Vicki Wise
15. Renee Stubblefield
16. Barbara Hayes
17. Yolanda Vasquez
18. Ms. Helen Roach
19. Marcus Stewart
20. Carmen Ward
21. Antonio Aguilar
22. Cindy Mitchell
23. Lori Jackson
24. Anthony Schlageter
25. Ronda Barnett
26. Patrick Pernell
27. Michael McClain
28. Jerry Valle

Spanish Club Boasts Large Involvement

Close-Up Club Plans Washington Trip

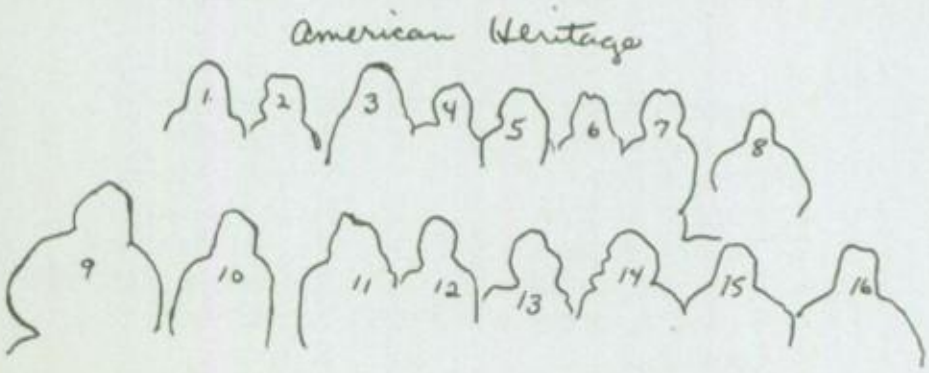


1. Mr. Robert Ashley
2. Shiela Mitchell
3. Scott Wallace
4. Roxann Parker
5. Richard English
6. Margaret Travis
7. Tammy Caldwell
8. Paula Mitchell
9. Janice Taylor



1. Ms. Charlene Kitt
2. Greg Bernardy
3. Mike
4. Brian Jones
5. James Lee
6. Tony Henrich
7. Tammy Hayes
8. Ms. Jan Morgan
9. Anita Frislre
10. Cheryl Holbrook
11. Alma Via
12. Sherri Heck
13. Vanessa Eaven
14. Jimmy Joe Bender

Travelers And Indians Active During Year



1. Sherri Frank
2. Tammy Caldwell
3. Angela Simpson
4. Sherrie Stewart
5. Cynthia Davis
6. Roxann Parker
7. Beverly Simpson
8. Tedra Nimsey
9. Clendon Sapcut
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12. Ms. Tremain
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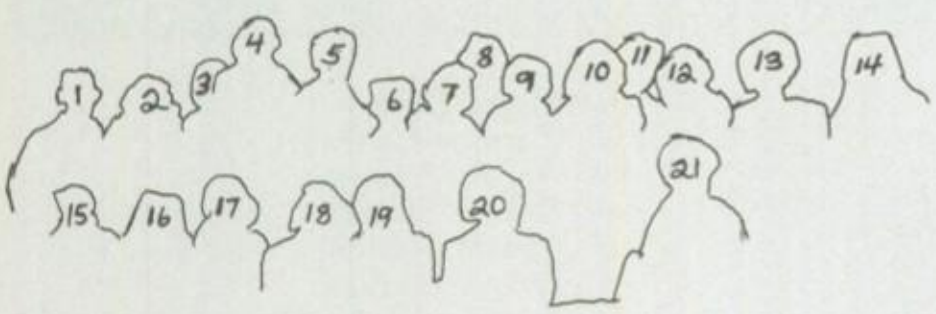
15. Cecilia Barton
16. Amy Toahty



Vica Club Helps Students Find Good Jobs

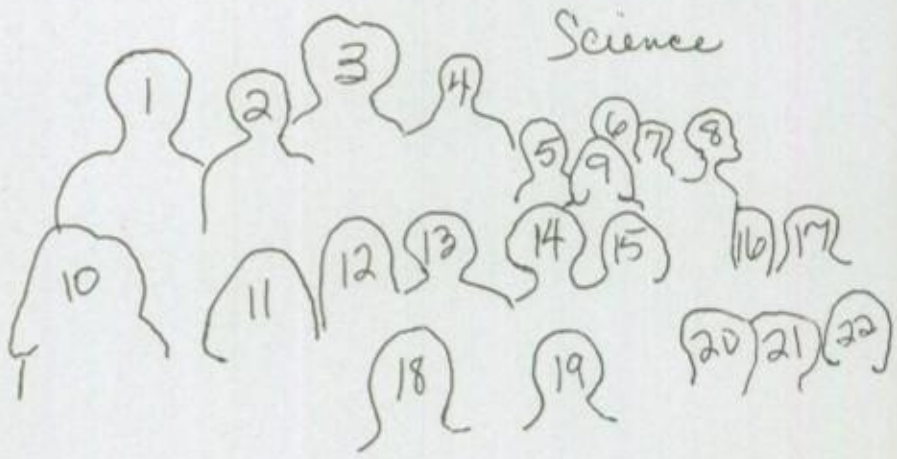
1. Lester Hicks
2. Karen Gwynes
3. Donnie Bay
4. Donnie Dutton
5. Terry Cooper
6. Cynthia Franklin
7. Sylvia Smith
8. Rand Rogers
9. Robin Wallace
10. Tammy Akers
11. Ms. Sarah McKinney
12. Lisa Bohlar
13. Pat Clark
14. Marcy Danford
15. Dale Holliman
16. Angela Sperling
17. ReDowna Mitceell
18. Rosye Valle
19. Ramona Stubblefield
20. Mary Bates
21. Kathy Brown

Business Leaders-Growing With Pride

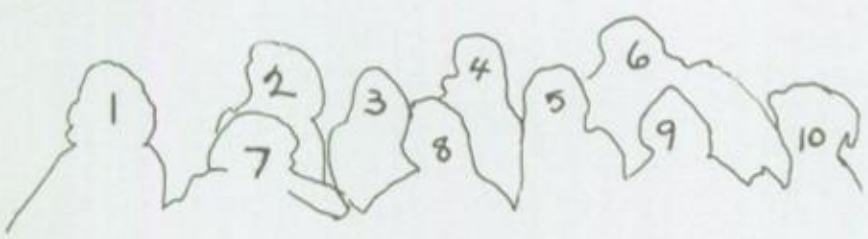
1. Paula Arterburn
2. Vicky Ary
3. Grace Morales
4. Esther Jackson
5. Kim Brooks
6. Jeanie Foster
7. Tori Russell
8. Brenda Edmunson
9. Shelia Bailey
10. Norma Manzano
11. Teresa Sheets
12. Ms. Alvertis Jackson
13. Audrey Mendez
14. Norma Montoya
15. Carolyn Morris
16. Kathryn Morris
17. Janice Taylor
18. Aquanitta Badgett
19. Diana Jones- (Secretary)
20. Donna Jones- (President)
21. Gerald Reeves
22. Scott Smith
23. Patricia Williams- (Vice President)
24. Lisa Heinlein- (Historian- Parlimentarian)

Science Club Questions, Explores, Discovers

1. Eddie Moon
2. Aerrelian Defendini
3. John Bunch
4. Joe Atwood
5. Debby Zachare
6. James Pettit
7. James Duggins
8. Mr. Bones
9. Tammy Caldwell
10. Patricia Brunson
11. Lan Tran
12. Yuan Tran (Soo)
13. Catherine Morris
14. Janice Taylor
15. Teresa Crenshaw
16. Paula Mitchell
17. Sandra Peanler
18. Brenda Walker
19. Donna Curtis
20. Visher Carter
21. Michelle Franklin
22. Nova Burgess



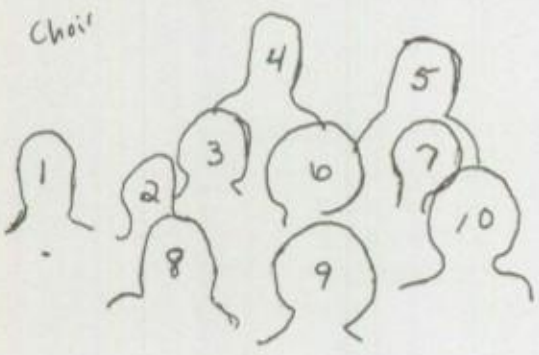
Pep Council Makes Good Leaders For Comet Force



1. Ms. Gail Simmons
2. Diana Jones
3. Roxann Parker
4. Gerald Reevse
5. Gwen Pearson
6. Margaret Travis
7. Pat Williams
8. Tori Hames
9. Carmen Ward
10. Carmen Thompson

Choirs Perform In School Assemblies

1. Horace Smith
2. Emily Tampkins
3. Donna Sale
4. Cory Hames
5. Jay Sale
6. Gwen Pearson
7. Tina Weatherall
8. Barbara Sale
9. Mary Bates
10. Thomas Morgan



1. Gospel Choir
1. Horace Smith
2. Catherine Morris
3. Kim Brooks
4. Janet Higgins
5. Kenneth Langston
6. Felicia Stewart
7. Nita Hall
8. Alveetta Cooper
9. Deborah Martin
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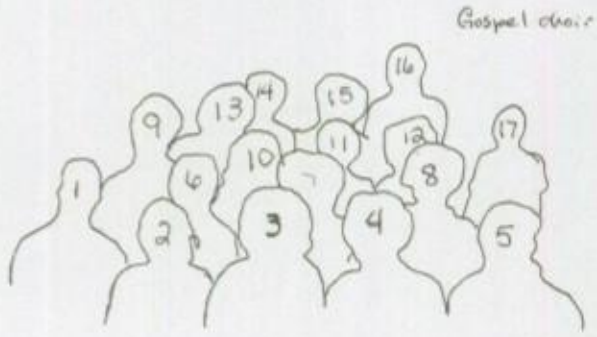
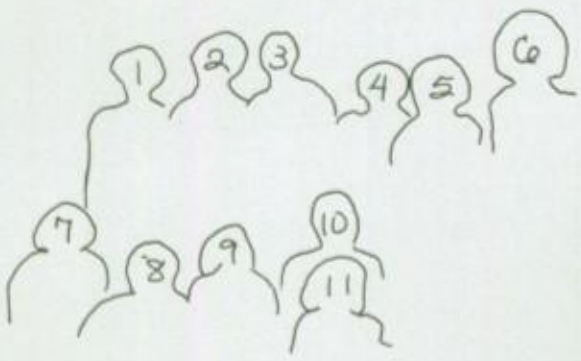
13. Evelyn Lyons
14. Carmen Thompson
15. Claudette Wallace
16. Cory James
17. Bryson Smith



1. Darrell Chapman
2. Laura Worthen
3. Donna Jones
4. Paula Mitchell
5. Lisa Heinlien
6. Radonna Shive
7. Mr. McDamels
8. Andy Wilson
9. Ron Chastain
10. Beth Koczorowski
11. Ricky Medcalf

Safety Council & S.A.C. Benefit School



1. Carmen Thompson
2. Annette Johnson
3. Donnie Barnett
4. Donna Sale
5. Sherri Hernden
6. Mr. Kuykendall
7. Robin Wallace
8. Willie Edwards
9. Pam Kepler
10. Robert Caldwell
11. Kristen Tucker

Row 1: Karen Alexander, Tina Weatherall, Francine Brown, Cheryl Herron, Emily Tampkins, Sherry Hinton, Diane Jones, Felicia Parker, Annette Johnson, Sandra Robbins, Angela Bailey, Karen McGirt, Christine Blakely, Tammy Richman, Ester Jackson, Karen Friday, Tara Weatherall, Tresa Sheets. Row 2: Sonya Smith, Coletta Watts, Renoda Barnett, Terry Trail, Rene Gates, Carolyn Irons, Sherri Wiley, Mardina Littlejohn, Tina Hammons, Randy Hicks, Kathy Brown, Jay Sales, Michelle Washington, Stephanie Moore, Terry Wade, Vernsil Brooks, Gaynell Griffin, Laverta Bailey, Felecha Stewart, Row 3: Bryson Smith, Felicia Coulter, Kim Russell, Carla Hinton, Vaughn Woody, Jerry Valle, Russell Johnson, Jon Corless, David Morgan, Stoney Wilson, Andrea Flowers, Davey Downey, Andrea Griff, John Minden, Gwendolyn Ray, Donna Sales, Karen Jones, Gina Washington, Teresa Jones, Carmen Thompson, Diane Edwards. Row 4: Joseph Green, Mary Bates, Barbara Sale, Robert Mims, Darrell Sapcutt, Greg White, Dereck Griffin, Steve Morgan, Melvin Smith, Lee Winn, Wayne Wetmore, Doug Riggs, Corey James, Thomas Morgan, James Ferguson, Harvey Wilburn, Victor Hopkins, John Sheets, Horace Smith, Kim Noblett, Gwen Pearson, Sandra Mahaffey, Mr. Johnson.

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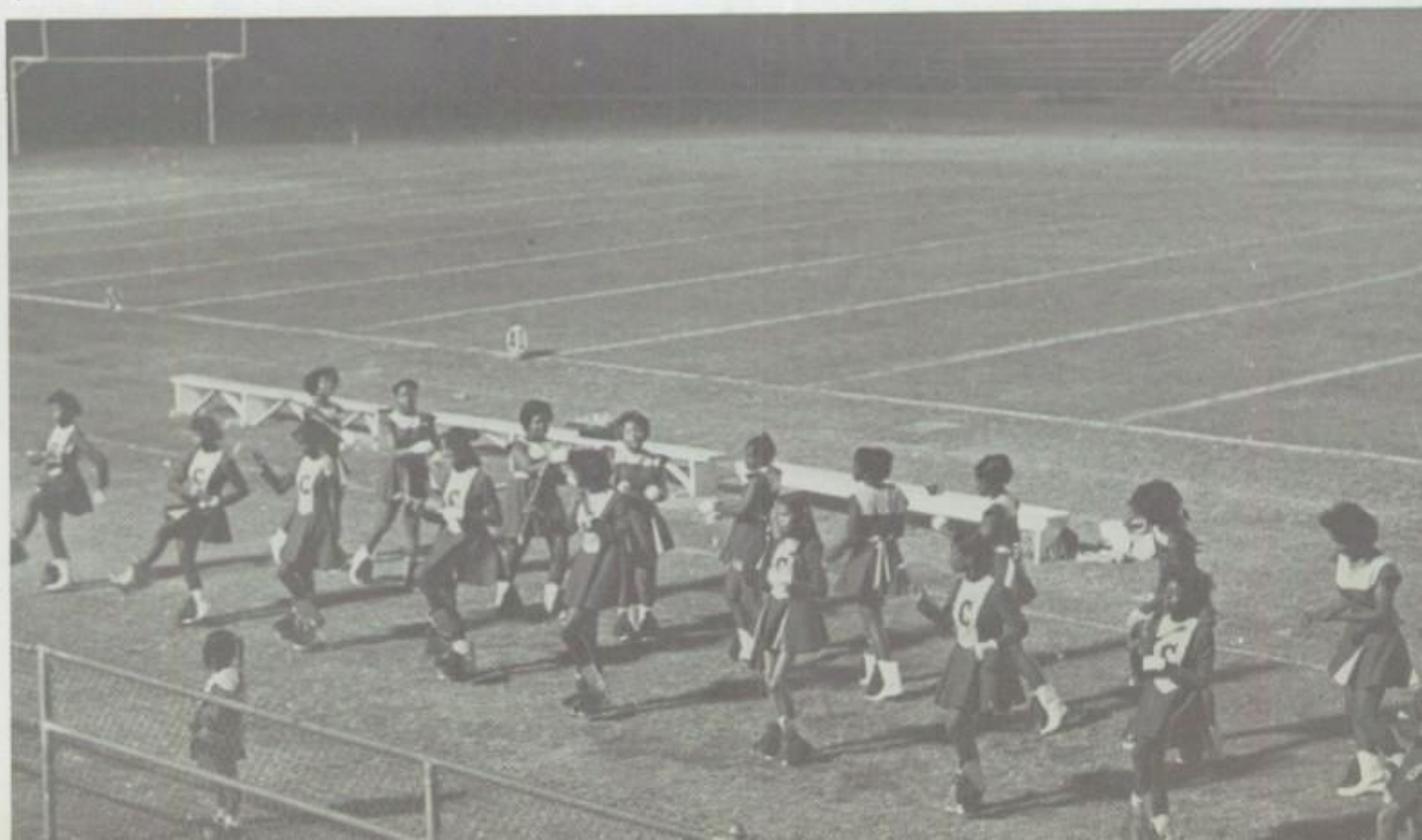

1. Classen majorettes and color gaurds sported new uniforms this season from funds earned through hard practicing and money-making projects.

Movin' And Grovin' With "The Marching 100"

The 1979 band had something few organizations had — spirit. At least they showed up at the games, raised money for much-needed equipment, sponsored Mr. and Miss Merry Christmas, performed at assemblies, and put on the all-school talent show.

These were enough in themselves, but the band had even more to offer — involvement. The drummers begged their teachers to let them out of class early so they could practice their routines. It was refreshing to see students actively interested in something Classen had to offer.

1. Clarinets and flute players show off their talents during halftime activities. 2. Concentration and rhythm seem to be on the mind of Joseph Green, drum major, as he directs the band in the Homecoming halftime show.

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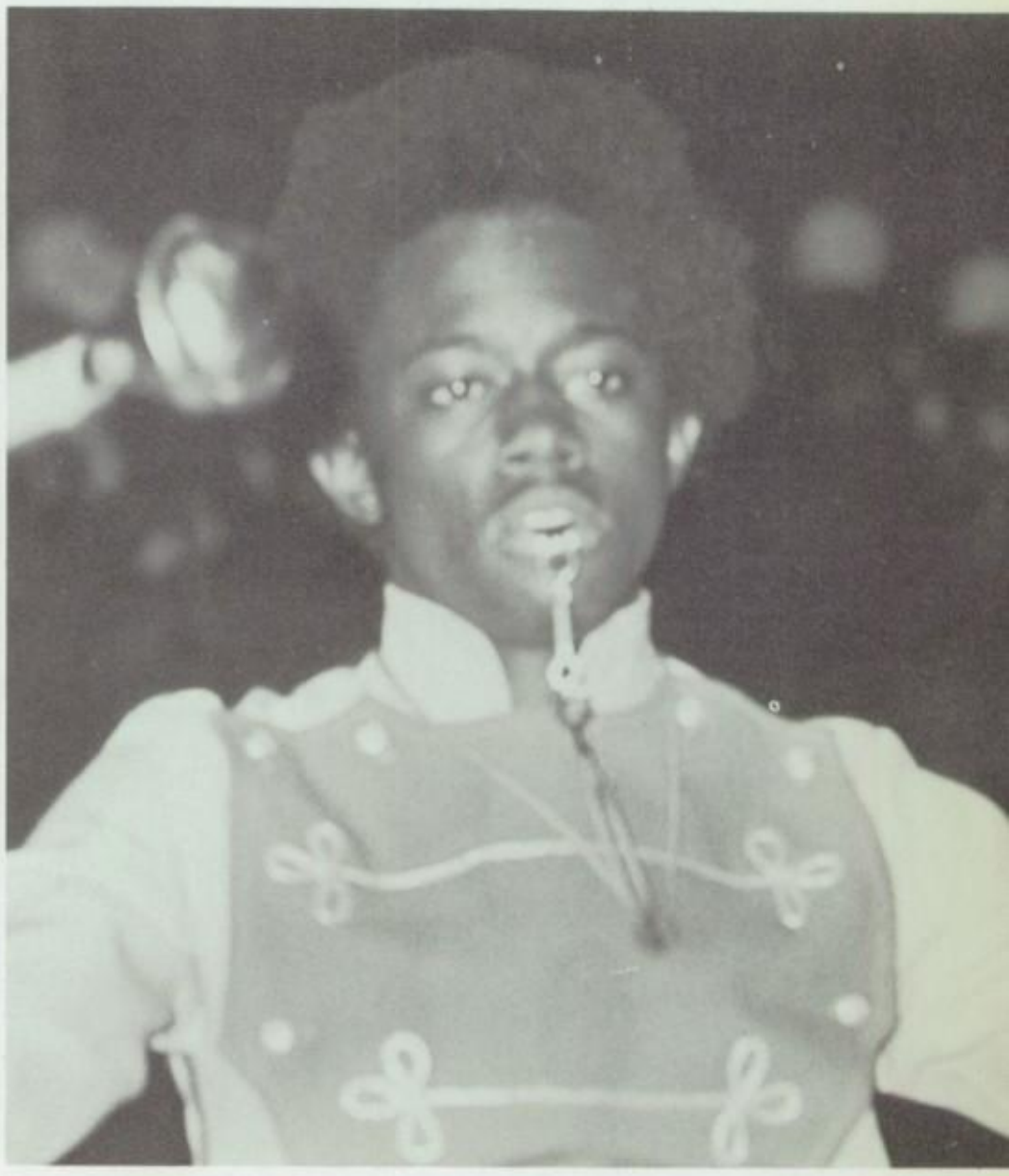

In the Student Council, representatives, officers, and sponsors, worked together to get things ready and going. Representative participation was better than years before and with activities like Homecoming and the state meeting at Stillwater. Representatives came back with new and good ideas.

They had a busy year, planning the Youth Forum in December and the Spring Fling in April. They also fixed the school emblem in the main hall, which had deteriorated somewhat through the years.

Sometimes it seemed the only organization, or at least the most visible one in the school that cared to get things rolling was the Student Council.

Carol Bentley
Kim Bridges
Teri Copas
Tammie Downey
Esther Foster
Randy Giggers
Lori Hames
Lisa Heinlein
Tony Henrichs
Carla Henton
Sherri Herndon
Mike Hotz
Pam Kepler
James Lee
Anita Martin
Marketta McDonald
Loretta Mckinley
Ricky Medcalf
John Minden
Paula Mitchell
Sheila Mitchell
Grace Morales
Mike Mosly
Renee Moss
Roxann Parker
Donita Plunkett
Terry Richardson
Jesse Robbins
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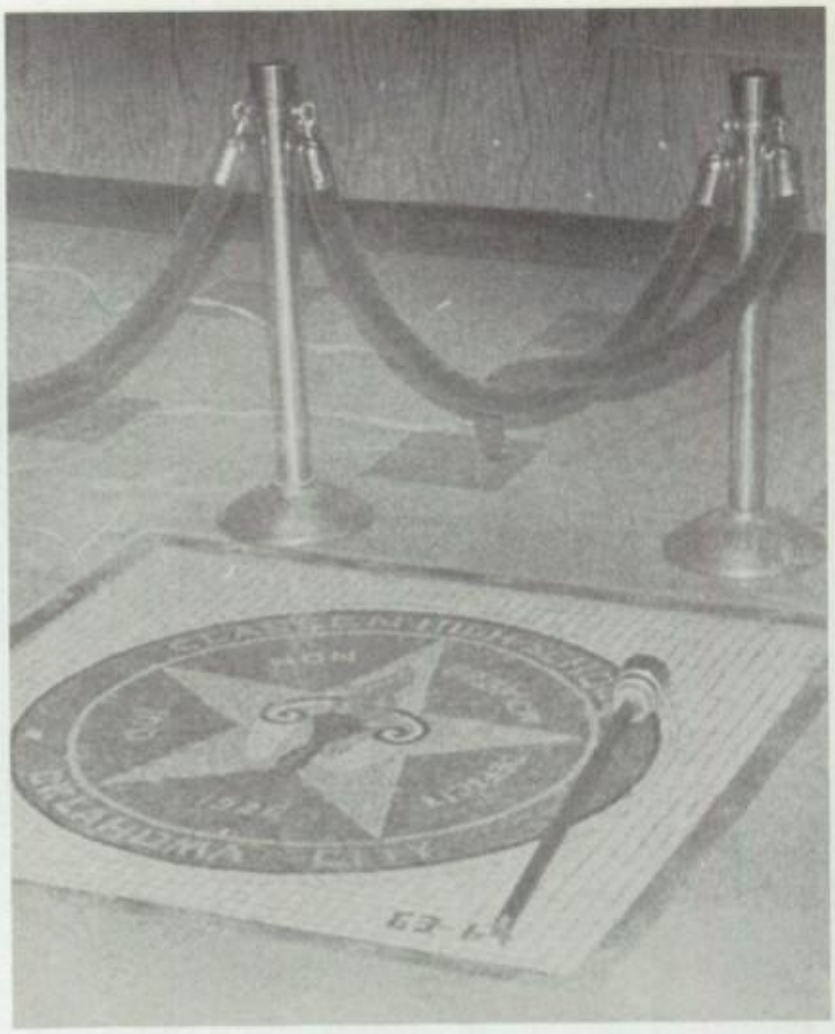
Rod Rogers
Radonna Shive
Paul Taylor
Daryl Thompson
Margeret Travis
Jerry Valle
Carmen Ward
Lisa Washington
Pat Williamson
Andy Wilson

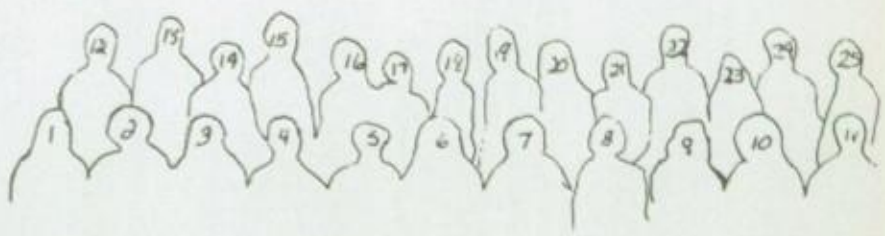


Student Council spent its time and energy on renovating the school emblem.

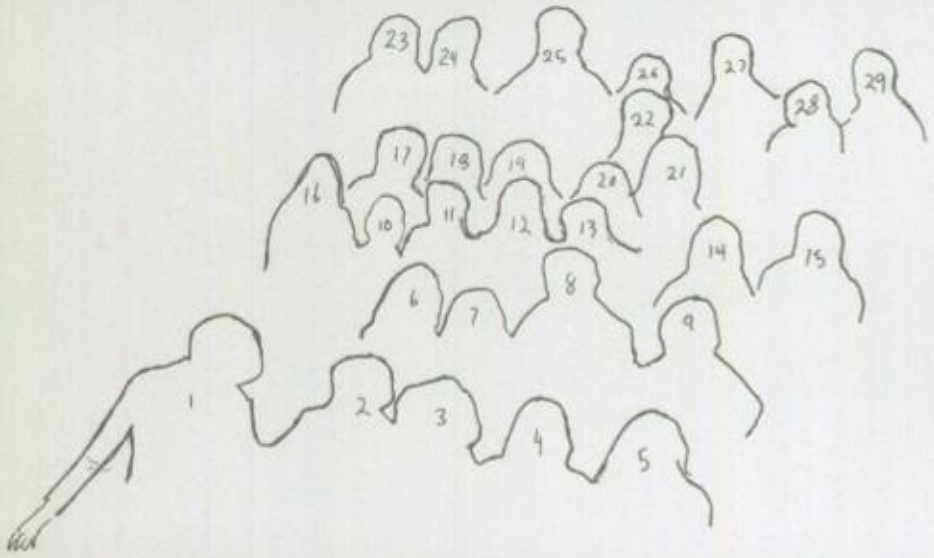
Student Council-Always The Optimists

Honor Society Has Leaders, Scholars, Fun

Officers were installed at the Fall Honor Society dinner.



1. Terry Trail
2. Margaret Travis
3. Patricia Beckett
4. Lavertta Bailey
5. Kathy Brown
6. Robin Mitchell
7. Terry Copas
8. Jacky Wilhite
9. Teresa Mount
10. Carol Bentley
11. Scott Wallace
12. Ms. Betty McCauley
13. Kevin Fleming
14. The Thnh Truong
15. Terry Richardson
16. Donna Sale
17. Daryl Chapman
18. Richard English
19. LeeAnn Wood
20. Alma Via
21. Jeannie Foster
22. Susan Scott
23. Anita Fresbee
24. Stacy Davis
25. Ms. Eunice Farbes



Drama Club: 1. Mr. Frank Cumby, 2. Catherine Morris, 3. Kim Bridges, 4. Renee Moss, 5. Marie Moss, 6. Tammy Ailey, 7. Roxann Parker, 8. Keith Hopkins, 9. Mary Hansen, 10. Sherry Hinton, 11. Lisa Washington, 12. Lisa Heinlein, 13. John McDowell, 14. Arthur Williams, 15. Terry Copas, 16. Peri Wilson, 17. Janice Gathron, 18. Christine Blakely, 19. Donna Sale, 20. Carl Willis, 22. Terry Richardson, 23. Kenneth Langston, 24. Kirsten Tucker, 25. Edward Scarberry, 26. David Beckett, 27. Kenneth Tice, 28. Mike Mosley, 29. Felicia Parker

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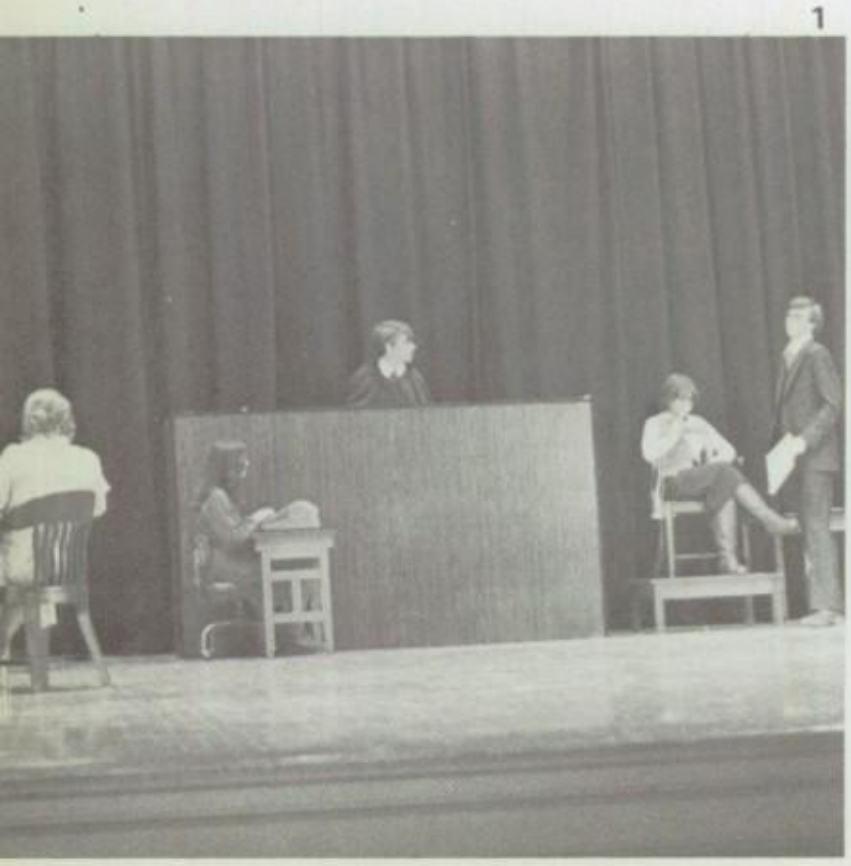

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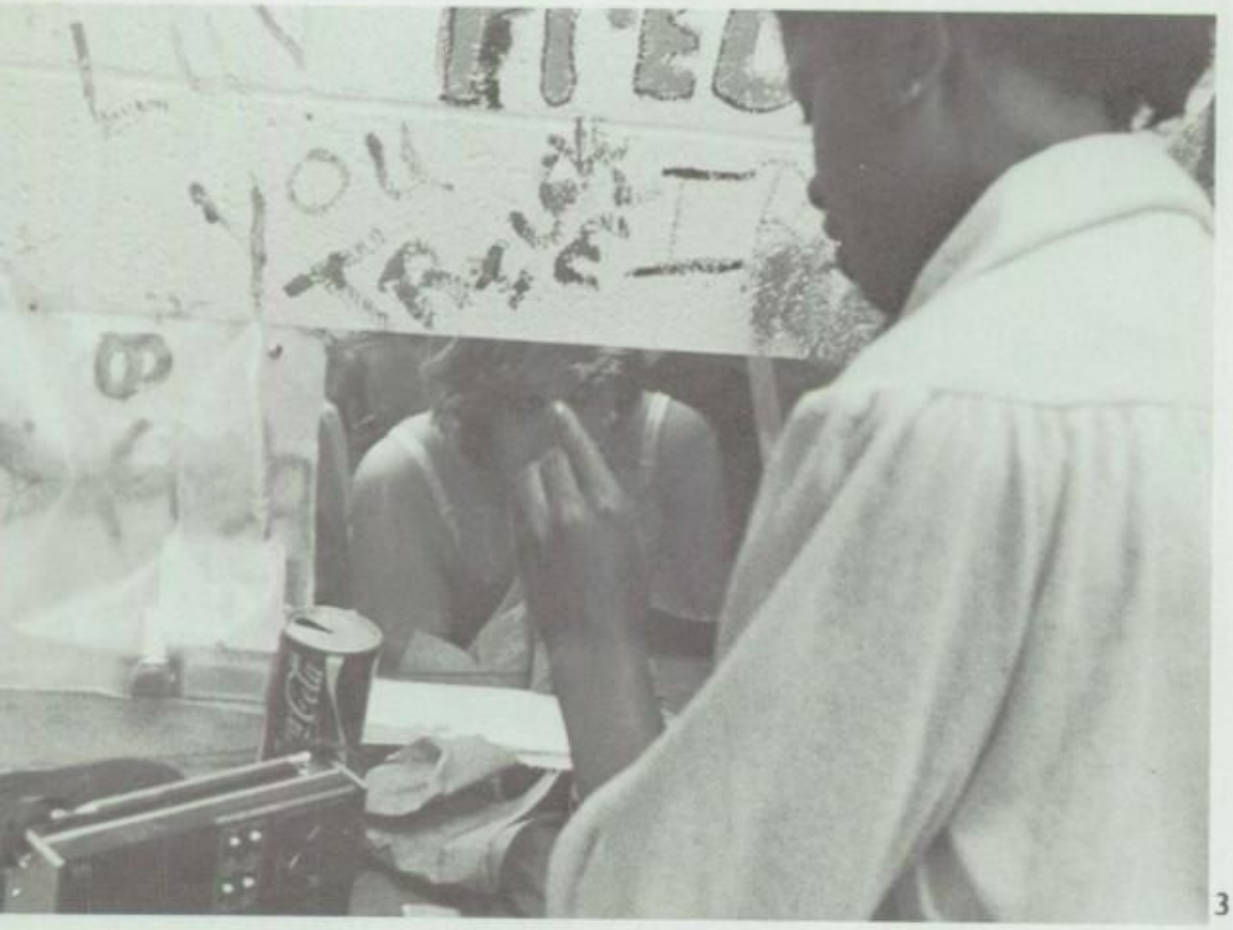
Drama Club Performs Well Despite Low Funds



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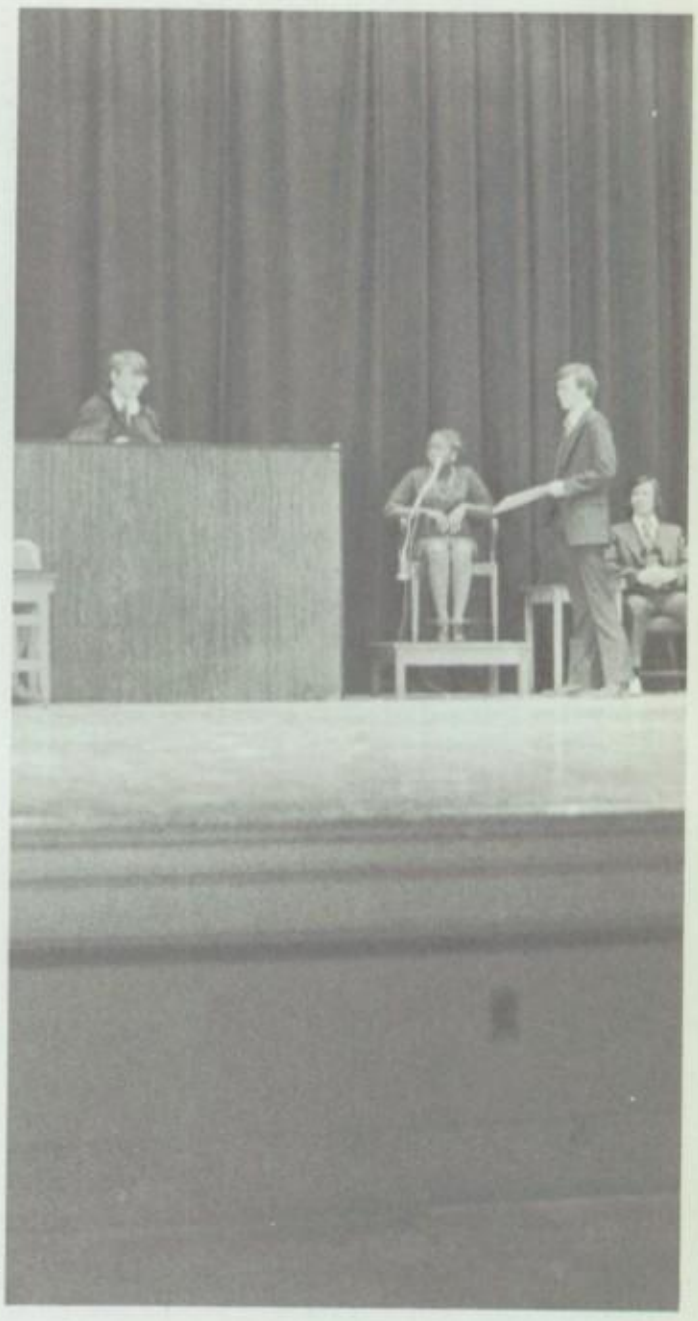

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1. A scene from "The Night Of January 16th" finds Keith Hopkins cross-examining the witness. 2. The jury from the play " The Night Of January 16th" listens intently to testimony. 3. A sneak peek is behind the scenes of another Classen High drama production. 4. Judge Terry Richardson presides in "The Night Of January 16th." 5. Keith Hopkins, Attorney at law, tries to calm his client, Lisa Heinlein. 6. Sherry Hinton enjoys being a "sexy lady" in a drama club presentation.

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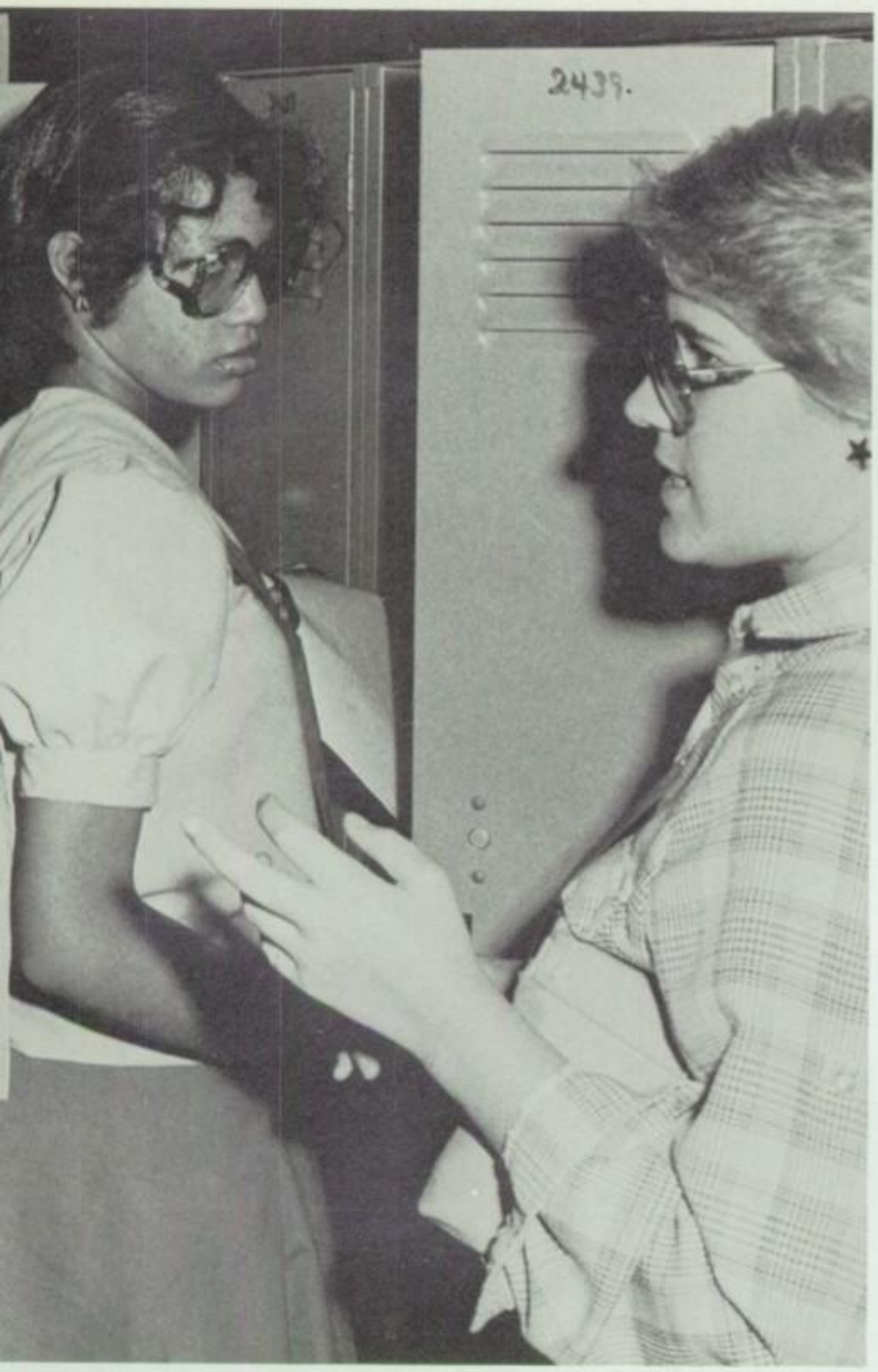
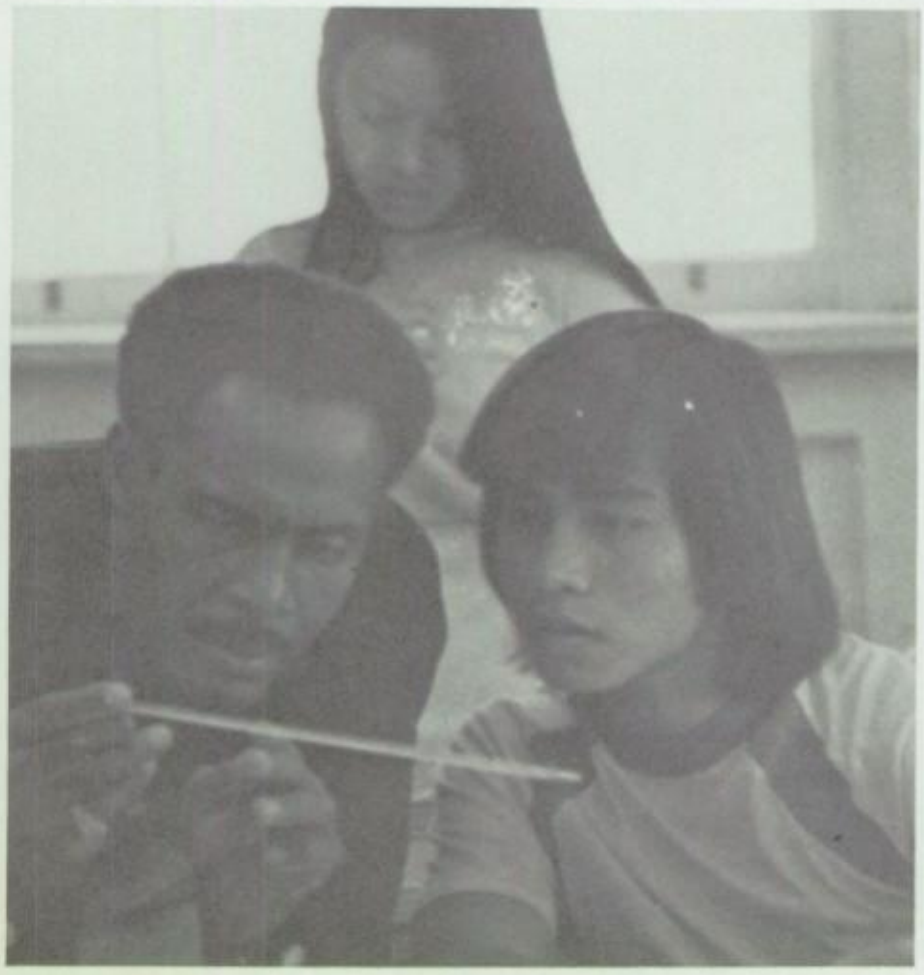
PEOPLE



Count Down



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Classen underwent a lot of changes at the beginning of the year. Dr. Cole replaced the outgoing principal who only stayed for a few weeks.

The change, however was to Classen's advantage. Dr. Cole brought enthusiasm and genuine friendliness to students and faculy, as well. It was as though spirit and care for how Classen looked what people said about it mattered more than they had in years. Many people thought it was partially due to the new principal.

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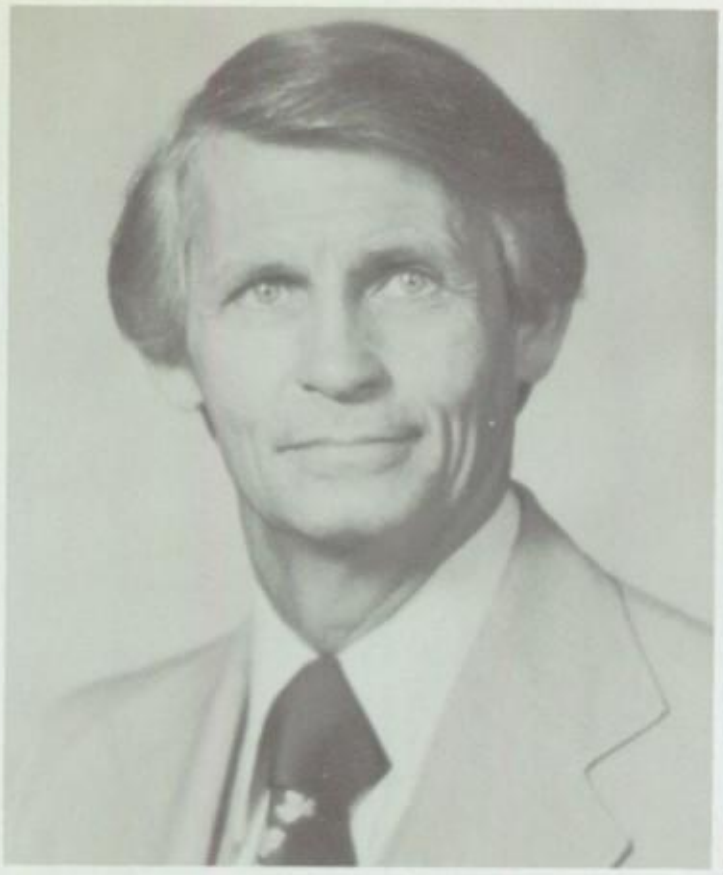
1. Dr. Sally R. Cole. 2. Eric McDonald, yearbook editor, receives handshake from Dr. Cole for being selected September's citizen of the month. 3. Dr. Cole checks over class schedule.



Mr. Joe Medlock
Assistant Principal
Ms. Dorothy Tucker
Assistant Principal

Faculty Has Smooth Operation Under New Management

Ms. Marilyn Adams
CAP counselor
Ms. Ellen Allen
Journalism, English
Mr. Robert Ashley
Soc. Studies Dept. Chmn.
Ms. Lula Brooks
Matron

Ms. Mary Bryant
Attendance Secretary
Ms. Iola Burris
Attendance Secretary
Ms. Velma Cambor
Mr. Maurice Daniels
Social Studies, Basketball

Mr. Chesley Eason
English
Ms. Linda Edgell
Business
Ms. Eunice Farbes
Math Dept. Chmn., Honor Society
Ms. Christy Ferris
Bi-Lingual aide

Dr. Sally R. Cole Installed As New Principal

Mr. Don Fleet
Math, Science, Tennis
Mrs. Bobbie Frisk
Librarian
Mrs. Vonna Garrett
Reading Center
Mr. Roy Hardmond
Reading Center Chairman

Mr. Paul Hendrix
In-house Suspension
Mr. John Haskins
Community Action
Program
Mr. Darrell Johnson
Art Department Chairman
Mr. Chuck Keeler
Art

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1. Math teacher, Mrs. Earlene Walker, giggles after a teachers' meeting. 2. Pam Boyd and Mr. Richard Nance relax during physical education class. 3. Mr. Tommy Griffin ambles through halls between classes. 4. Modeling clay to form a pot is art teacher, Mr. Chuck Keeler. 5. Mrs. Linda Edgell observes beginning typing class. 6. Art instructor, Mr. Darrell Johnson, contemplates day's events.

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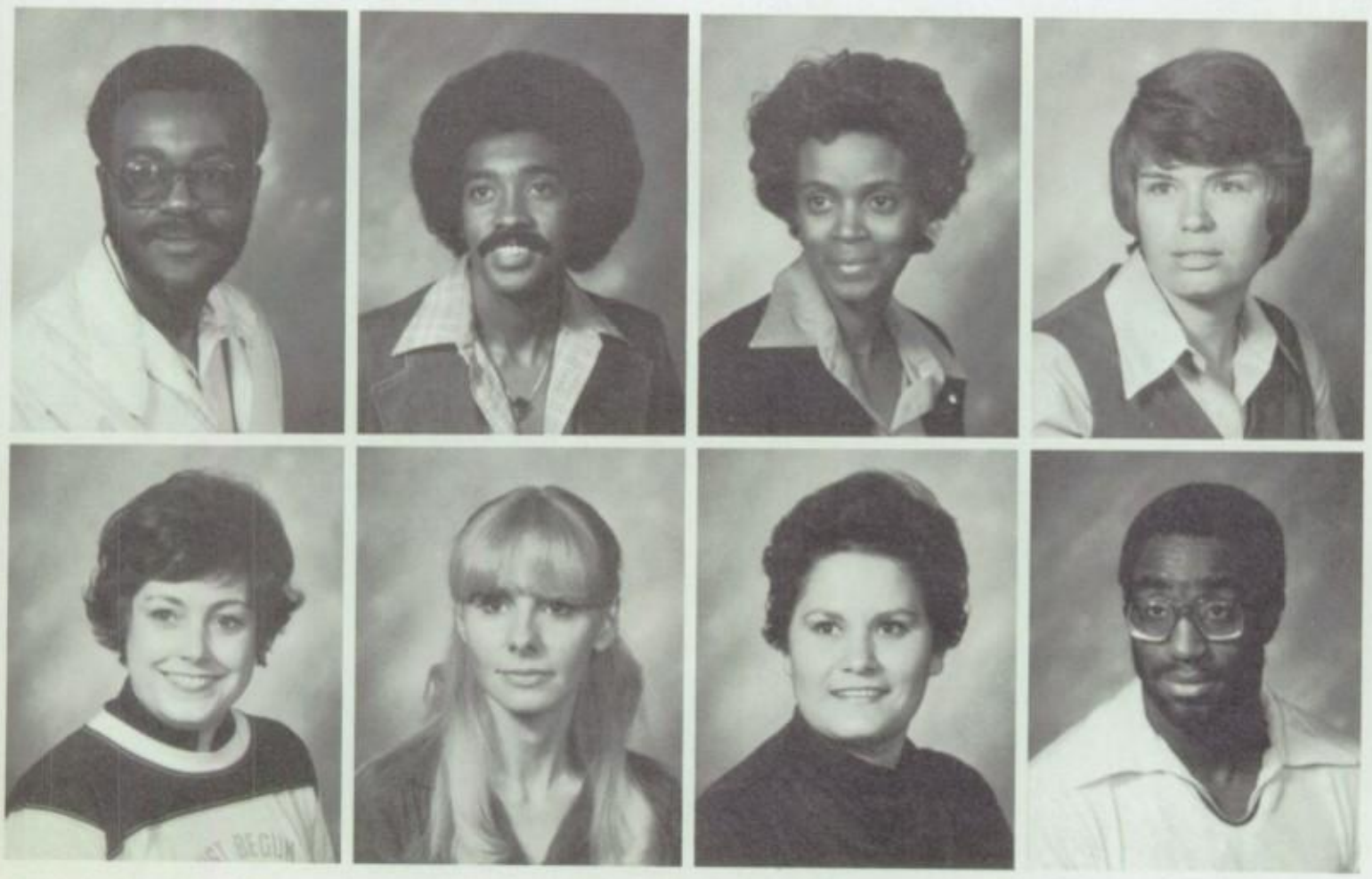
Faculty Has School Spirit



Mr. Koehler Johnson
Band, Vocal music
Mr. Don Kuykendall
Student Advisory
Counselor
Ms. Sandra Matthews
Reading Center Aide
Mrs. Betty McCauley
Math

Ms. Linda Mines
English
Mrs. Jan Morgan
Hearing Impaired,
Travelers Club
Ms. Margie Murray
Bilingual Aide
Mr. Richard Nance
Physical Education, Girls
Basketball

Mrs. Nguyet Nguyen
Bilingual Technician
Mr. Prinson Poindexter
Head Football Coach,
Wrestling, History
Mr. Paul Preston
Special Education,
Department Chairman
Mr. Joe Prickett
Vocational
Rehabilitation,
Counselor

Mrs. Patricia Pyle
Financial Secretary
Mrs. Darlene Reber
Physical Education,
Department Chairman,
Girls Sports, Honor
Society, O'Club
Mrs. Marian Reyburn
Hearing Impaired,
Mrs. Helen Roach
Foreign Language, French
and Spanish Clubs

Ms. Donna Roland
Learning Disabilities

1. Mr. Maurice Daniels helps sponsor lunchtime sports. 2. Coaches Richard Nance, Durphy Thompson, and Prinson Poindexter view game films after school. 3. Math instructor, Mrs. Betty McCauley, tutors LeeAnn Wood during class.

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1. Ms. Freda O'Neal, counselor, completes test scores.
2. Dawn Simpson receives help in literature from Ms. Ellen Allen, English teacher.

Ms. Gail Simmons
Activities Director

Mrs. Roena Smith
English

Mr. Gary Sperling
Science, Red Cross

Mr. Frank Tefertiller
Special Education, Athletic Director, Cross Country, Track, Swimming

Mrs. Irene Trail,
Media Center Aide

Mr. Tran Van Can
Bilingual Technician

Mrs. Pat Tremain
Indian Student Advisor

Mrs. Clayette Tucker
Vocational Rehabilitation Secretary

Mrs. Earlean Walker
Math, Honor Society

Mrs. June Weston
Learning Disabilities, Pep Club

1. Freshman class officers are Bryson Smith, president; Kim Bridges, secretary-treasurer; and Sondra Robbins, vice-president. 2. Darrin Davis takes a shot during sixth hour sports.

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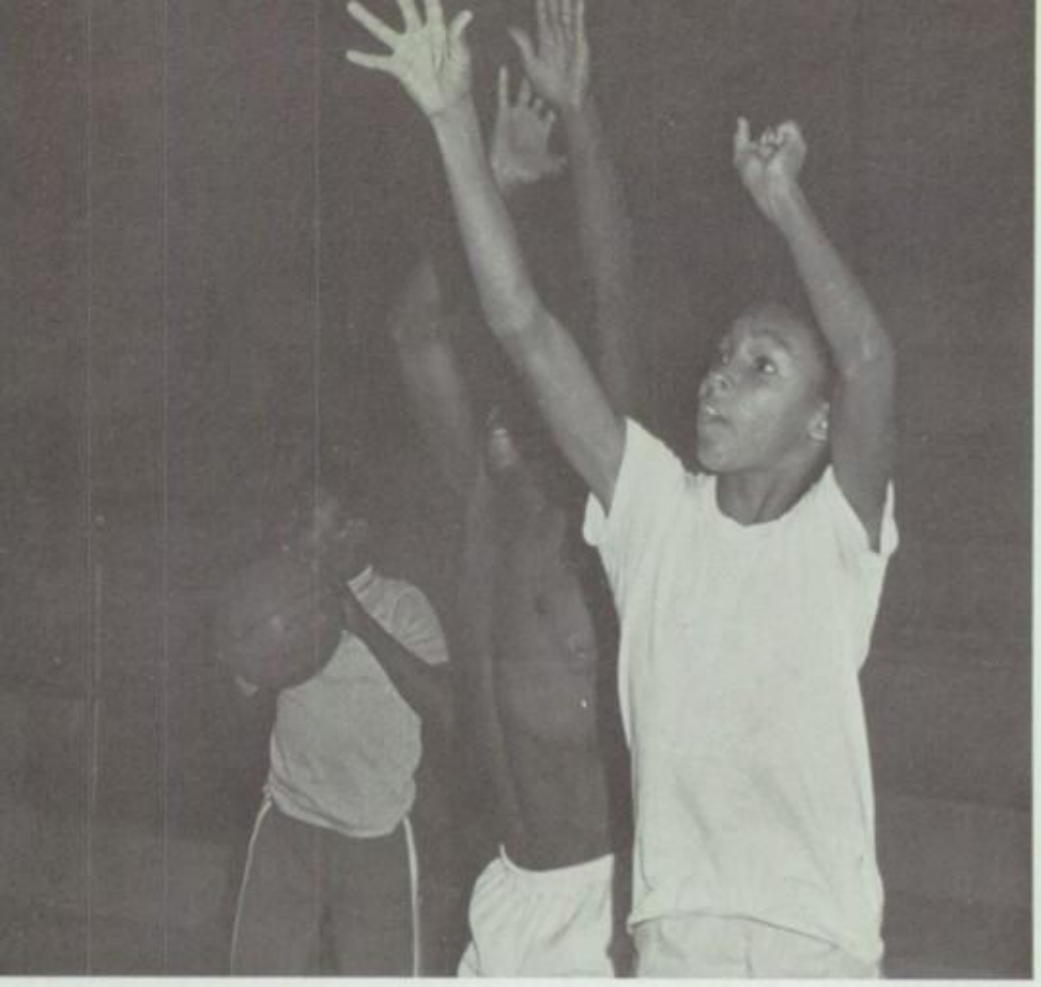
Freshmen Delight In Comet Life

Adams, James
Ahgroom, Gwendolen
Albertson, James
Alexander, Neva
Allen, Donna
Angleo, Solis

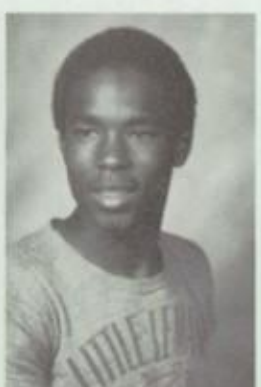
Arterburn, Doris
Badillo, Kristy
Barnes, Carla
Barnett, Ronda
Baxter, David
Beasley, Anita

Beckett, David
Bender, Jimmy
Bighorse, Bobby
Black, Raymond
Blakley, Christine
Bonitz, Ronald



Bottoms, Tammy
Bowers, Kenneth

Bowlan, Vicky
Bowting, Karen



Breeding, Robert
Bringes, Kim
Brown, Jerry
Burdine, Richard
Burgess, Margeret
Bryant, Tony

Caldwell, Robert
Carter, Ereck
Chapman, Janet
Chastain, Ronald
Colwell, Keith
Cox, Brad

Cutniff, Christie
Danford, Mark
Daniels, Darryl
Davis, Darrin
Davis, Melvin
Dearing, Tom

Dennis, Efrem
Drye, Teresa
Duggin, Beverly
Edwards, Andy
Edwards, Pam

Estrada, Emily
Ferguson, James
Farrell, John
Franklin, Darrell
Fuller, Brenda
Fuller, Robert

Fetrel, Kevin
Garcia, Joe
Gates, Twyla
Gathron, Janice
Giggers, Randy
Green, Tracy

Gregory, Jerry
Hansen, Mary
Hardiman, Willie
Harge, Issaic
Hayes, Tammy
Heron, Terry

Hicks, Randy
Hinton, Sherry
Hogan, Tandra
Holland, Lisa
Hooton, Gina
Hotz, Mike

Huggins, Jimmy
Heinlein, Linda

Humpries, Kathy
Hurley, Jimmy

Johnson, Buddy
Johnson, Kenny
Jorden, Ronald
Kelly, Ameta
Lampley, Kelly
Lovelace, Lorraive

Luther, Tyoga
Lyon, Evelyn
Manzand, Petra
Martin, Anita
Martin, Marguerite
Mercer, Jeff

McCalip, Reacie
McDonald, Kelly
McGrefee, Jesse
McLain, Michael
McNeal, Litricia
Medrano, Wayne

Freshmen Survive Cafeteria

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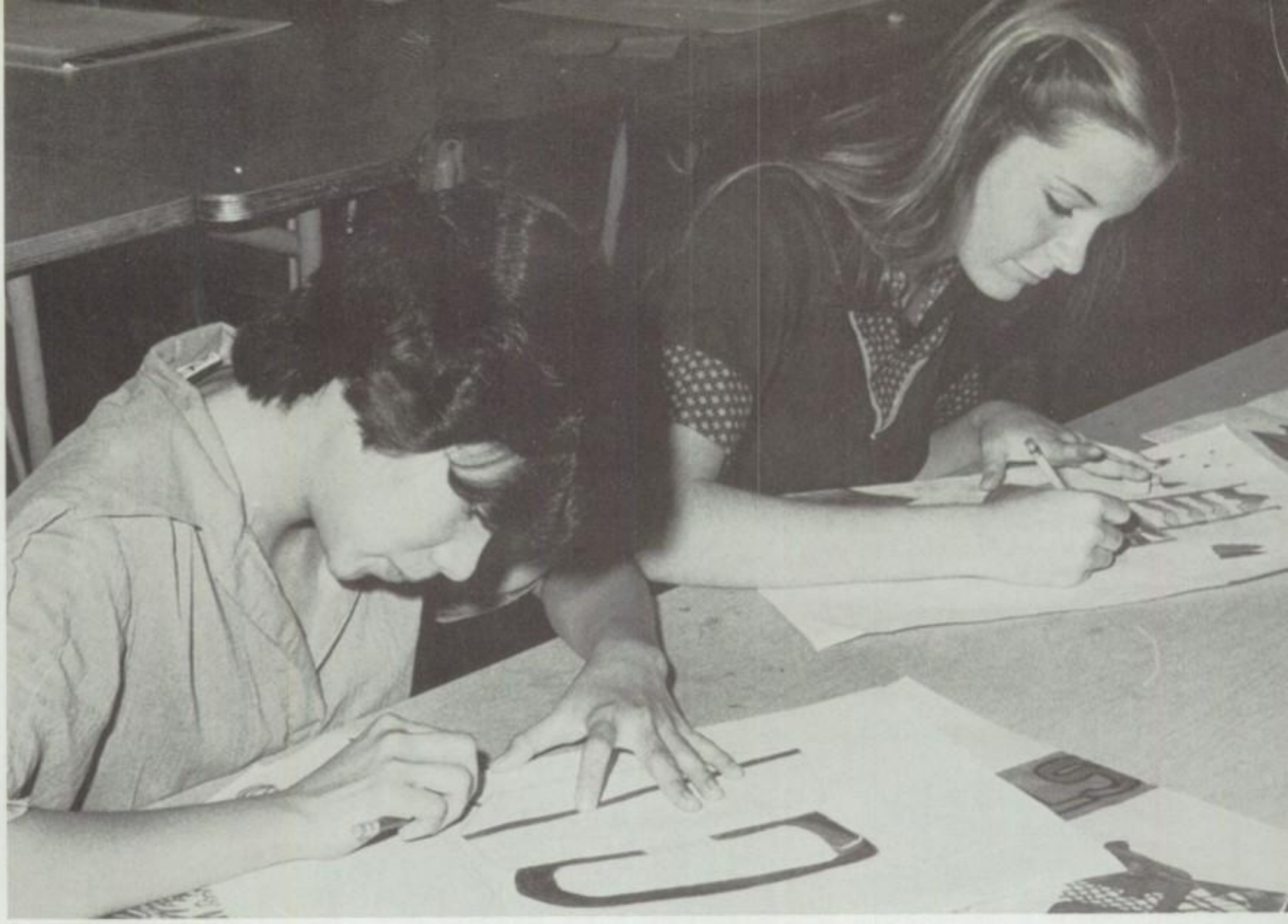
1. Classen Comet band members support their team. 2. Anita Beasley and Ila Overstreet labor over typing assignments.



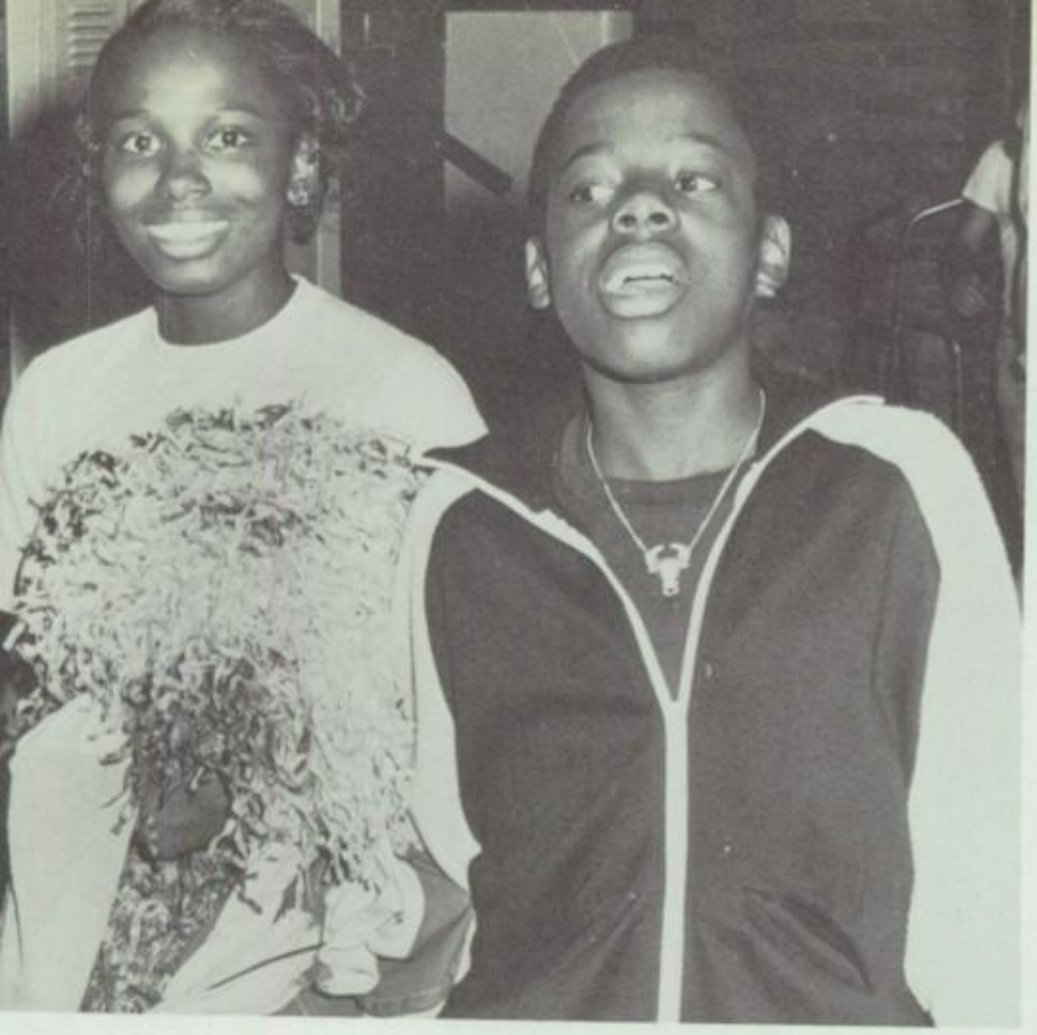
1. Ngoc Nguyen and Lisa Welker race to complete their art projects.
2. Tara Weatherall and Kevin Reeves stroll into a Friday pep assembly.

Little Comets Have Big Problems

Minden, John
Mobbs, Tonia
Moi, Thong
Morales, Grace
Moody, Robert
Moore, Jewel

Moore, William
Morales, Adelaide
Moran, Robbie
Morris, Lyndon
Morton, Debbie
Mosley, Mike

Moss, Marie
Murray, Candy
Nguyen, Lan
Nguyen, Long
Nguyen, Van
Nichols, John



Nimsey, Angela
Oliphant, Dabney

O'neal, Nora
Kirklin, Oscar

Overstreet, Illa
Owens, Kike
Packor, David
Parker, Pribble
Patin, Dana
Permenter, Terry

Person, Dectric
Picket, Randy
Plumer, Cherry
Plunkett, Nathan
Powen, Kenneth
Gwen, Ray

Reeves, Kevin
Reinington, Jeri
Reynolds, Mitchell
Rideno ve, Thomas
Rivers, Dewey
Roach, Aleesha

Robbins, Sandra
Roberts, Sonja
Rogers, Rod
Rowden, Jimmy
Seam, Runners
Sanders, Karen

Sapcut, Darren
Scott, Joane
Sember, Mark
Shaw, Kevin
Shive, Kari
Simpson, Terry

Smith, Bryson
Snider, Rob
Sorley, Rickey
Stevenson, Michael
Stewart, Marcus
Stubblefield, Sonja

Stueve, Bill
Sturgeon, Sandy
Sweet, Gynola
Schlaytor, Tony
Tibbers, Patrick
Tram, Kim

Tran, Lan
Traverlee, Kelly
Tucker, Jimmy
Vasquez, Jose
Vasquez, Yolanda
Viney, Florence

Wesley, Paula
Wadlow, Mary
Wallace, Claudett
Wardin, Terry
Washington, Lisa
Welker, Lance

Welker, Lisa
Wess, Robbie
Wheller, Jayne
White, Connie
Wiley, Gregory
Wilburn, Harvey

Whilhite, Becky
Williams, Curtis
Williams, Gerri
Williams, Henry
Williams, Jackie
Williams, Leon

Williams, Stephanie
Wilson, Andy
Wilson, Mike
Wilson, Lillian
Winters, Doug
Wise, Vicky

Wolford, Karen
Woltman, David
Wright, Canith
Youngblood, Regina
Frank, David
Mcalp, Reachie

Frosh High On Spirit

Myers, Brenda
Wallace, Claudetta
Wilson, Lillian

Freshman Mary Hansen practices her form.

1. Sophomore class officers are Diana Jones, president; Carmen Thompson, vice-president; Lavertta Bailey, secretary; Tammy Richmond, treasurer. 2. Kim Noblett heads toward an afternoon class.

Sophomores - on the scene and in between

Adams, Jeffery
Adams, Robert
Anderson, Tracy
Aquilar, Antonia
Alexander, Karen
Albez, Luay

Badillo, Gayla
Bailey, Lavertta
Barnett, Renoda
Beard, Allison
Barton, Chris
Beard, John

Beatty, Linda
Beckett, Patricia
Bentley, Russell
Blair, David
Bolt, Bobby
Boyd, Pam

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Brunson, Patricia
Bryant, Junior

Bunch, John
Burgess, Nova

Barton, Cecilia
Caldwell, Tammy
Cay, Ngo
Chapman, Darrell
Chastain, Tim
Constantine, Greg

Corless, Jon
Coyne, Mark
Crenshaw, Teresa
Daniels, Jimmy
Parnell, Lisa
Davis, Marvin

Peavler, Sandra
Defendini, Aurelian
Dixon, Sandra
Donnell, Raymond
Duggins, James
Edwards, Valerie

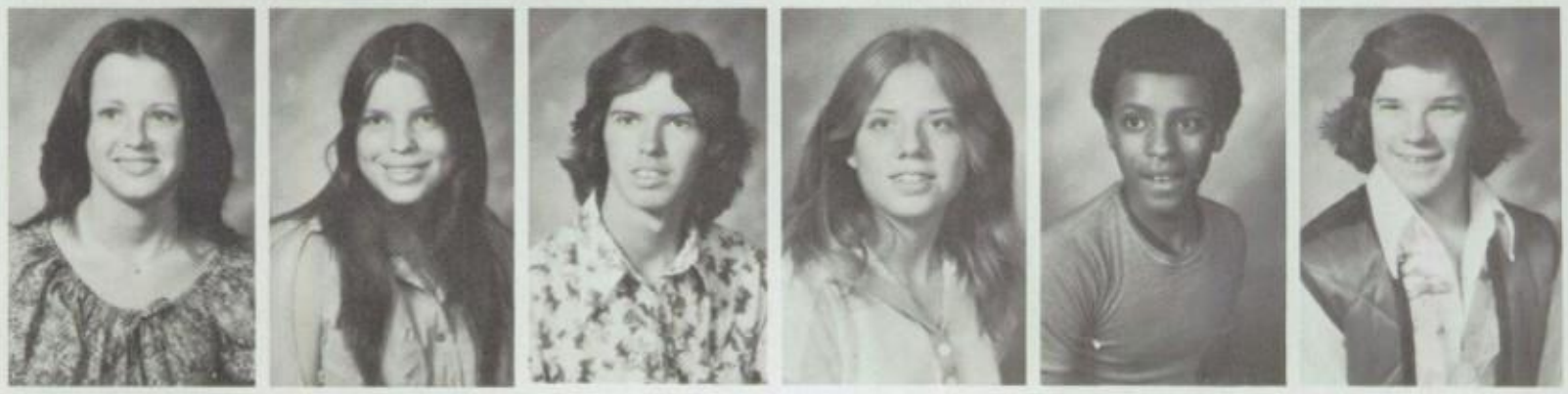
English, Richard
Evans, Rod
Evans, Vanessa
Fields, Louisa
Finch, Steve
Ford, Marty

Frank, Sherri
Friday, Karen
Frisbie, Anita
Foster, Ester
Fu, Thoa
Green, Jesse

Griffin, Andrea
Griffeth, Danny
Gutierrez, Sheila
Hamby, Anna
Hammons, Tina
Harp, Tamela

Haynes, Christine
Hendricks, Mike
Henrichs, Tony
Henson, Mary
Hicks, Carrie
Hill, Ridger

Holbrook, Cheryl
Holden, Kim
Holliman, Brian
Hand, Patty
Hopkins, Victor
Hyman, John



Huggins, Tim
Beckett, David

Ingram, Vickey
Island, Arthur

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Jackson, Esther
Jacobs, Kenneth
Johnson, Annette
Jones, Debbie
Junett, Cheryl
Kelly, Wendell

Kemp, Keith
Kemp, Linda
Khan, Say
King, Cindy
Knight, Dangelo
Kilgoy, Skeila

Koczorowski, Beth
Lane, Theresa
Lee, James
Lee, Lillie
Lewis, David
Martinez, Allison

Sophomores - They've Only Just Begun

2

1. Kim Russell checks out locker between classes. 2. Teresa Crenshaw works on forms in tennis practice.

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1. Lee Ann Wood practices for basketball shots.
2. Sandy Dixon watches homecoming parade.

Sophomores Keep The Comet Spirit Alive In '79

McDonald, Keith
McGirt, Karen
McGuire, Buddy
McKenzie, Henry
Mucker, Kerry
Medcalf, Mickey

Medcalf, Rickey
Mehffey, Sadra
Mitchell, Mike
Mitchell, Paula
Montoya, Norma
Moore, Stephanie

Morris, Catherine
Morrison, Waymond
Neal, Sylvia
Ngyayen, Anh
Nguyen, Bich

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Nguyen, Chiem
Niblett, Mitchell

Noblitt, Kimberly
Ngo, Hanh

Owens, Ronnie
Painter, LeeAnn
Parnell, Patrick
Payne, Rebecca
Pickett, Terry
Pham, Du

Pham, Hank
Pham, Nan Thi
Poe, Edward
Quack, Sam
Robbins, Jesse
Russe, Kimberly

Sale, Say
Sanders, Penny
Sempson, Dawn
Sheets, John
Shives, RaDonna
Show, Jerry

Simpson, Angela
Smith, Melvin
Smith, Sonya
Southphar, Vannalack
Taylor, Janice
Thi, Lam Nguyen

Sperling, Leslie
Sherrill, Stacy
Stapleton, Cindy
Stone, Kenneth
Thompson, Carmen
Trail, Theresa

Travis, Margaret
Tri, Menh
Valle, Jerry
Woody, Vaughn
Vogt, Nellie
Wadlow, Juanita

Walker, Brenda
Walker, Kathy
Wallace, Scott
Ward, Darrell
Washington, Gina
Watts, Coletta

Wetmore, Wayne
Wheeler, Joe
Wheeler, William
White, Jay
Williams, Tim
Willis, Carl

Winn, Alvin
Woods, LeeAnn

Wooden, Detra
Woolbright, Zina

Worrell, Wanda
Wright, Jacqueline
Worthen, Laurie
Zachare, Debbie

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Sophomores Have Pizazz

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1. Gina Washington and Carmen Thompson put homecoming float together. 2. Teresa Crenshaw and LeeAnn Wood watch football game. 3. Sophomore Andy Bergeron heads toward homecoming parade. 4. English class works on grammar.

1. Junior Class officers are Diana Winslow, secretary; Karen Brady, treasurer; Gwin Pearson, president; and Pat Williams, vice-president. 2. Varsity cheerleader Robin Mitchell boogies with Classen band during football game.

Juniors Starting To Like Life As Upperclassmen

Adams, Bridgett
Anderson, Chris
Arterburn, Paula
Bailey, Angela
Bailey, Shila
Barnett, Torrance

Bates, Mary
Baxter, Cheryl
Bergeron, Andy
Bernardy, Greg
Bonitz, Ronnie
Brady, Karen

Brewer, Karolyn
Brooks, Elizabeth
Brooks, Kim
Brown, Meagan
Brown, Ronald
Burnhorst, David

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Brunson, Jimmy
Carey, Roy

Carey, Troy
Cha, Moy Yuog

Chastain, Deborah
Cooper, Terry
Coulter, Felicia
Cox, Bruce
Crenshaw, Rita
Cummings, Cecilia

Curtis, Donna
Cutliff, Jerrie
Danford, Marcy
Dixon, Sharon
Downey, Tammy
Edwards, Dianna

Edwards, Willie
Ellenberg, Sharon
English, Melody
Estrada Joe
Fleshman, Connie
Foster, Jeannie

Friday, Karen
Gates, Renee
Gaynes, Karen
Griffin, Gaynell
Gibson, Ricky
Guinn, Billy

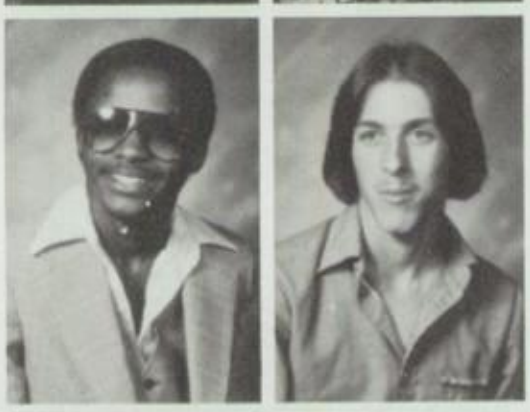
Hall, Nita
Harlow, Tom
Harpe, Kerry
Harris, Charles
Harris, Laura
Heck, Sherry

Heinlein, Lisa
Henrichs, Paul
Henson, Debbie
Hicks, Lester
Hicks, Ray
Heim, Thi Cao

Hill, Eric
Holliman, Dwaynne
Honea, Terry
Huggins, Deanna
Ingram, Ronald
Jackson, Lori Beth

Jackson, Willie
Johnson, Donald
Jones, Brian
Jones, Eddie
King, Margret
Kocher, Lawerance

Langston, Kenneth
Laughlin, Carl



Limon, Cecilia
Littlejohn, Machiel

Littlejohn, Sharanda
Lofton, Sharri
Lorrino, Robert
Lowe, Leamon
Manzano, Norma
Maloney, Yvonne

McDonald, Jamie
McDonald, Marketta
McDowell, John
McGuire, Felica
McMurtiny, Judy
Medrano, Wilford

Mendez, Audrey
Mercer, Teresa
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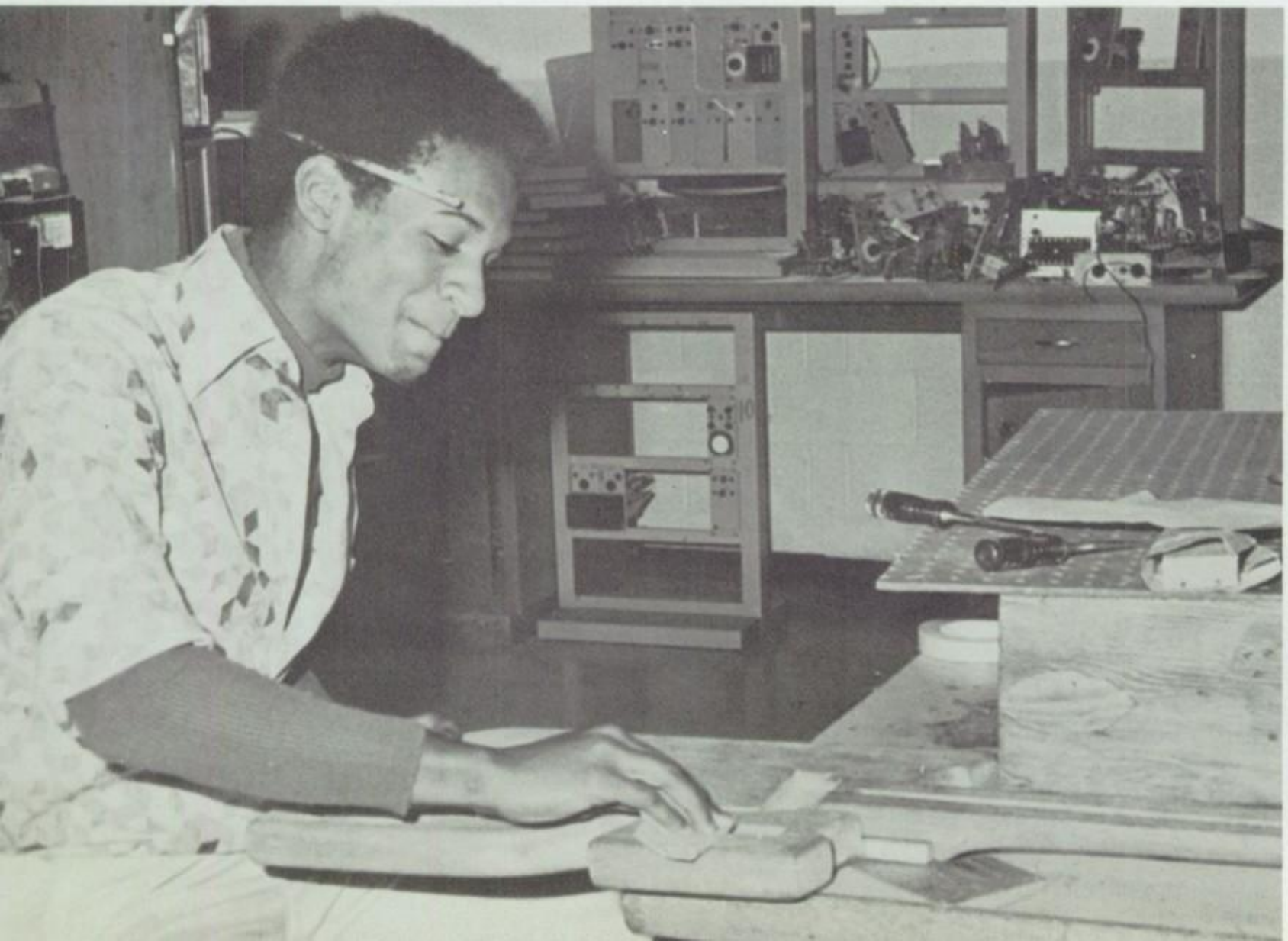
Mount, Teresa
Murillo, James

Juniors Confused About Prom Plans And Life



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1. The Red Cross Fall Retreat is just another thing to smile about for Melody English. 2. Randell Johnson sands bass guitar he designed and built.

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1. Juniors won car decoration in homecoming parade. 2. Meagan Brown, Marcy Danford, Robin Wallace, and Karen Brady await their turns for photos on picture day. 3. Eddie Jones walks to football field for practice.

Juniors Come Up With Good Ideas

Nguyen, Hue
Nguyen, Dang Kim
Nguyen, Ninh
Nguyen, Phat
Nguyen, Trano
Pham, Tin

Pham, Nouyet Thi
Pearson, Gwen
Parker, Kevin
Robinson, Greg
Robinson, Ronnie
Richardson, Kent

Rozelle, Mark
Sale, Barbara
SeChrist, Stacy
Simcox, Allison
Simpson, Ricky
Smith, Scott

Singleton, Jimmy
Stern, Sadie
Stevenson, Sherri
Stewart, Fleisha
Stubblefield, Ramona
Sweet, Sheryl

Tapia, Marlena
Thomas, Dawn
Thomas, Kerry
Thieu, Thano
Thieu, Vun
Thurman, Kevin

Tice, Kenneth
Tiger, Anthony
Tram, Oai
Tucker, Darby
Wallace, Robin
Ward, Carmen

Weatherall, Tara
Wensel, Melisa
Wesley, Loretta
Wilhite, Jacky
Williams, Levienne
Wilson, Perry

Winslow, Diana
Wolford, Helen
Wright, Debra
Young, Carol
Zanabria, Milko

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Mr./Miss Classen Candidates

1. Gerald Reeves and Kathy Brown, Mr. and Miss Classen. 2. Donita Plunkett, Pam Kepler, Lori Hames, and Carol Bentley are female candidates. 3. Terry Richardson, Scott Barkley, Stacy Davis, and The Troung are male candidates.

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''Being A Senior
Is Like Being
On The Top
Of A Totem
Pole''
—Roxann Parker

Senior Class Officers are: Lori Hames, Vice-President; Sherrie Stewert, Secretary; Carol Bentley, Treasurer; Gerald Reeves, President.

Seniors Are Fine In '79

The cherished memories of being an underclassman for three years have suddenly changed the role of life for the Seniors of 1979. Sponsoring candy sales, family portraits, dances, and the Junior-Senior Prom are prime examples of involvement and pride we contributed to our school.

We also participated in pep reallies, attended athletic activities, and elected class officers.

Now, we have to move on to further educate ourselves or to enter the job market. We will always remember Classen - both the good and the bad. We will also remember they once called us Comets.

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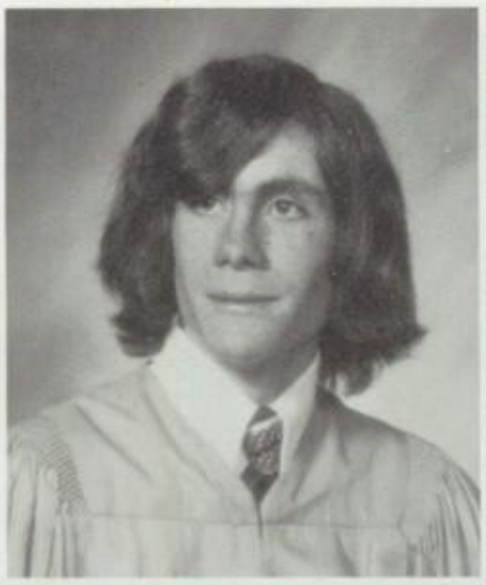
Ary, Vickie
Barkley, Scott

Bay, Donald
Beaver, Michael
Bentley, Carol



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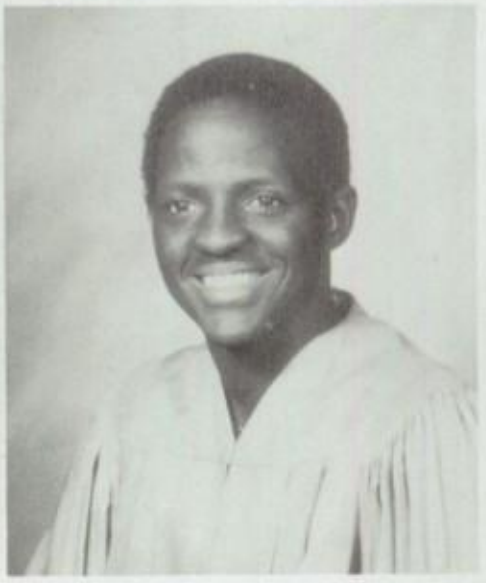
Blood, Donna
Braxton, Clifford



Seniors Fight For New Graduation Site

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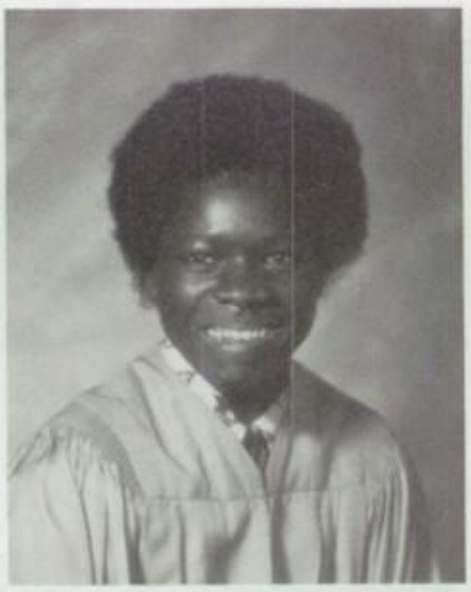
Burton, Derek
Chapman, Joel



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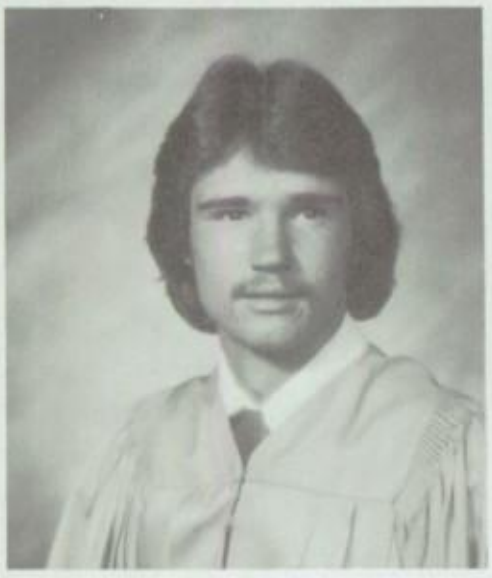
Cooper, Vernon
Copas, Teresa

Coyne, Wayne
Davis, Cynthia
Davis, Stacy



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Dennis, Therman
Dickson, Hazel

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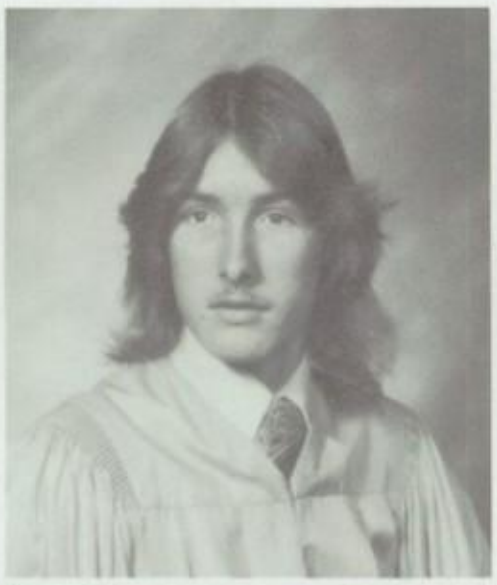

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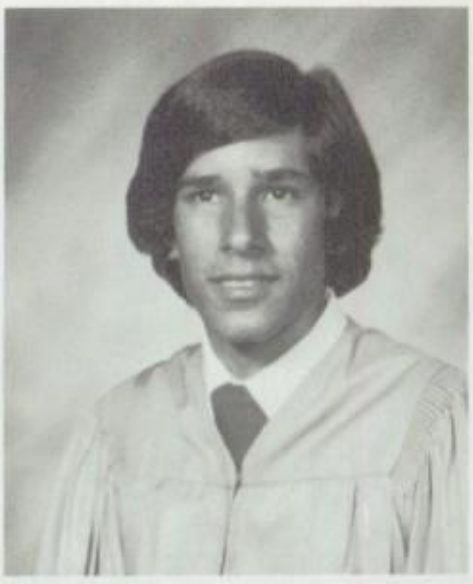
Dutton, Donnie

Edmonson, Brenda
Ellis, Darryl
England, Rhonda

Evans, Valerie
Faulk, Laura
Fleming, Kevin



Franklin, Cynthia
Fulsom, Graylon
Fulsom, Michael

Seniors Attempt To Revive CHS Spirit

Gaglierdi, Teresa
Gee, Betty
Genzer, Sheryl

Gilkerson, Gwyn
Gilmore, Gina
Grady, Melba

Green, Joseph
Grauman, Cindy
Griffin, David

Head, Mary
Herron, Cheryl
Hicks, Jesse

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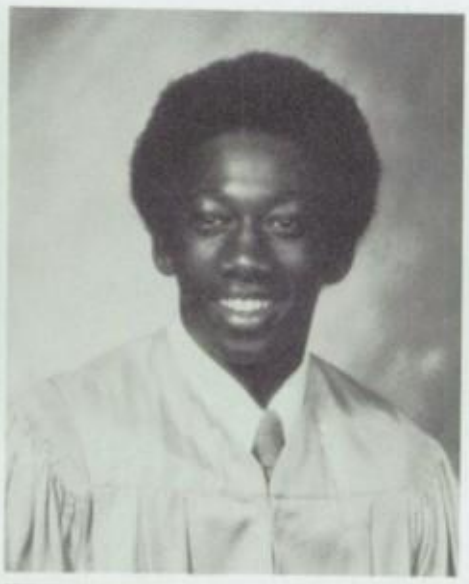

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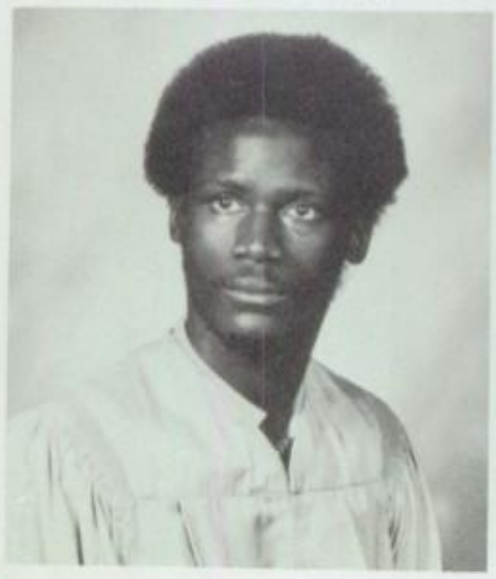
Hinton, Carla
Island, Anthony



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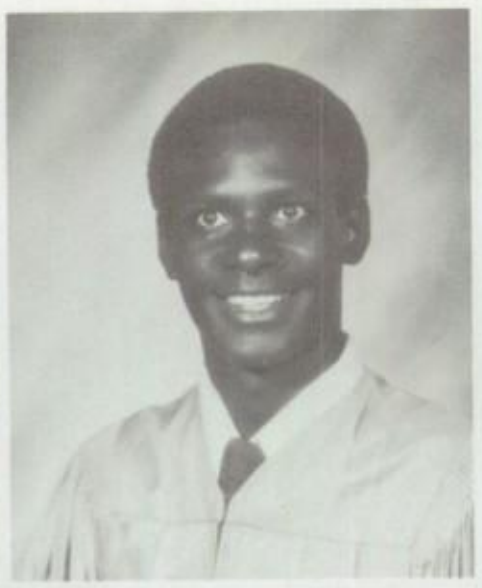
Jones, Karen
Jones, Teresa

Keller, Pamela
Kinchion, Edward
Laney, Delward



Littlejohn, Mardina
Lowe, Connie
Loyd, Michelle

Seniors Are Fine-Class Of '79

Mai, Mai Thi
McCalip, Cindy
McKinley, Loretta

Medrano, Lucille
Mims, Robert
Mitchell, Cindy

Mitchell, Redawna
Mitchell, Sheila
Mitecher, Cindy

Moon, Eddie
Moore, LaWanna
Morgan, Thomas

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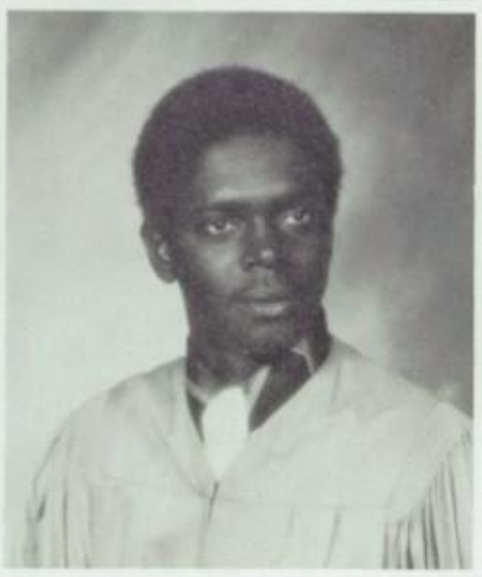
Morris, Carolyn
Moss, Renee
Nguyen, Mai Thi



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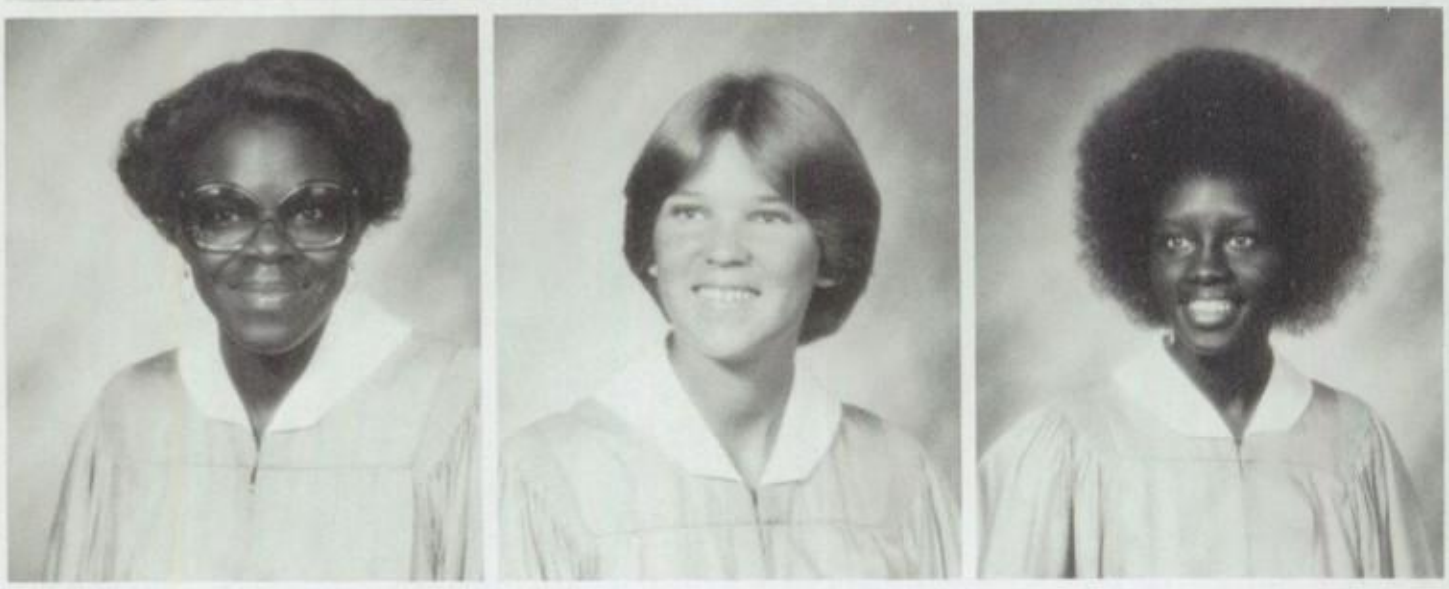
Palmer, Clayton

Parker, Roxann
Payne, Jack
Pham, Hung

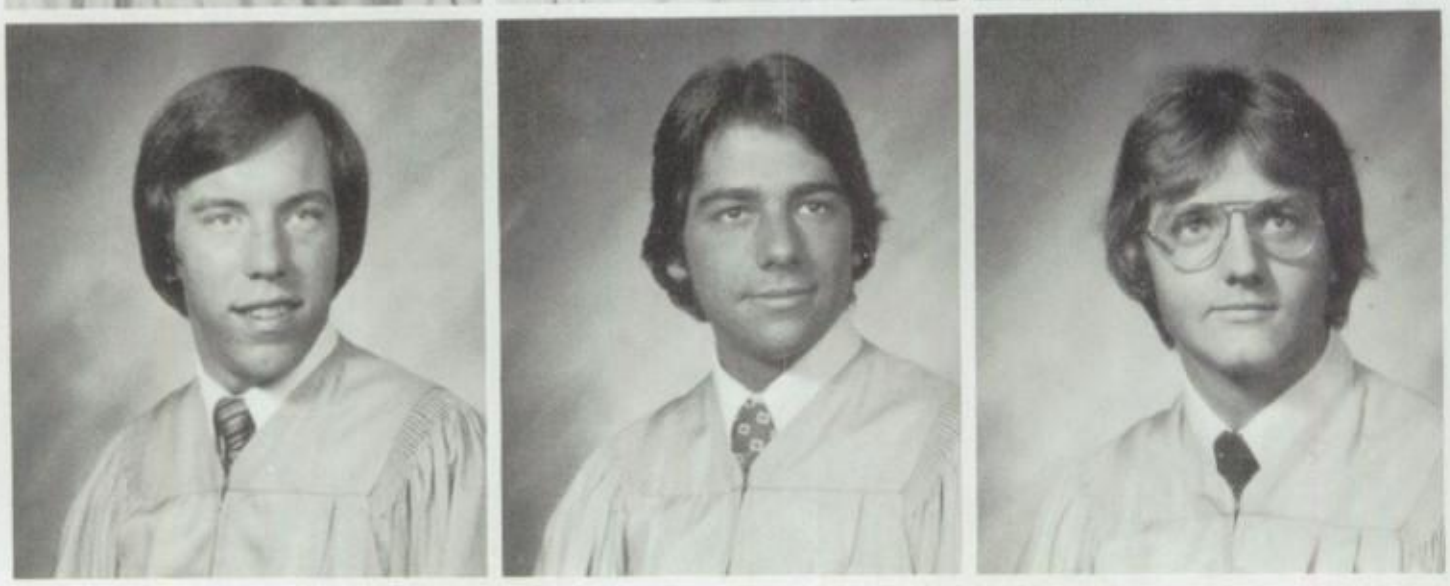
Pickett, Regina
Plunkett, Donita
Prince, Angela



Gerald Reeves - Senior Class President

Ramles, Adolph
Richardson, Terry
Rigg, Craig

Riggs, Doug
Rodgers, Randel
Rose, Tim



Russell, Angela
Russell, Tori
Sale, Donna

Sames, John
Scott, Susan
Seaman, Melvin

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Sheets, Teresa
Sperling, Deborah
Stafford, Brenda

Stapleton, Neil
Stern, Leslie
Steward, Necola

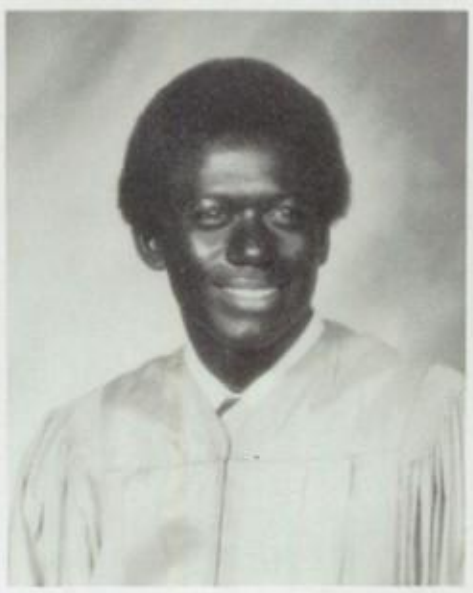
Stewart, Sherrie
Stewart, Valetta
Tampkins, Emily

Tapia, Marleny
Terrell, Kimberly
Travis, Stephen

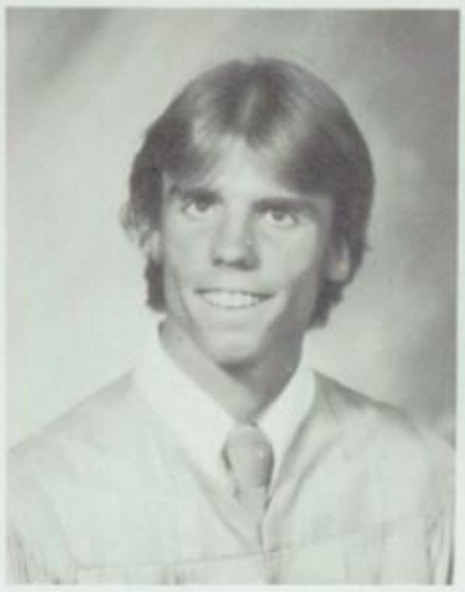
Seniors Vote On Gold Gowns

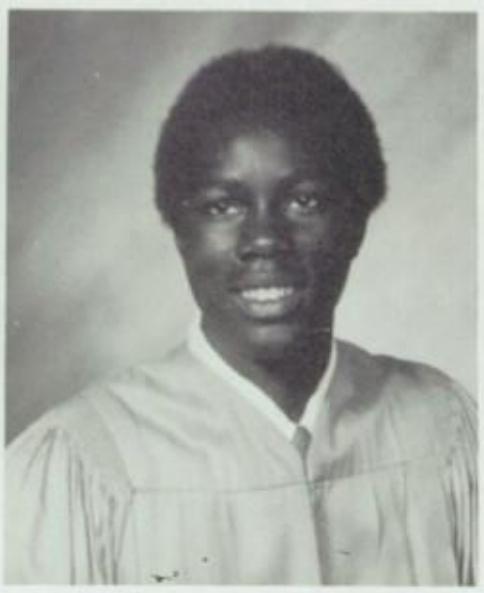
Truong, The
Tucker, Kirsten
Valle, Rose

Viney, John
Wade, Terri
Wainscott, Dorothy



Walker, John
Ward, Cynthia
Washington, Michele





Weatherall, Tina
White, Gregory
Wilson, Robert

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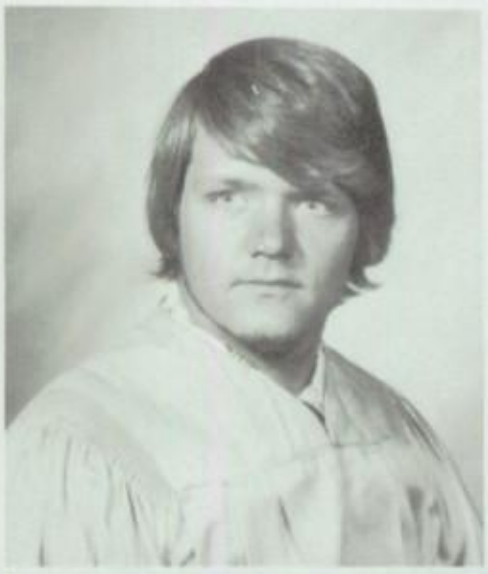
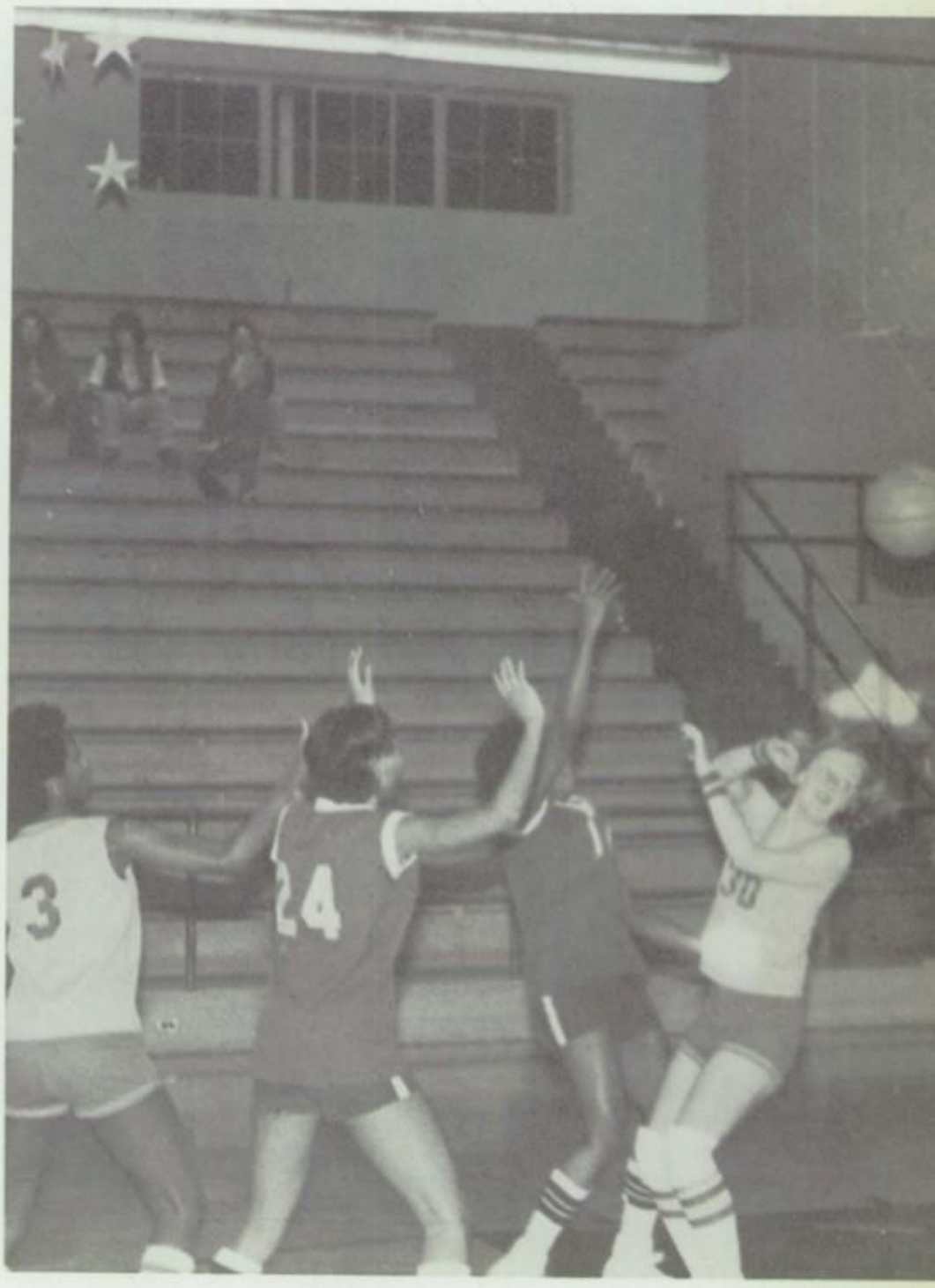


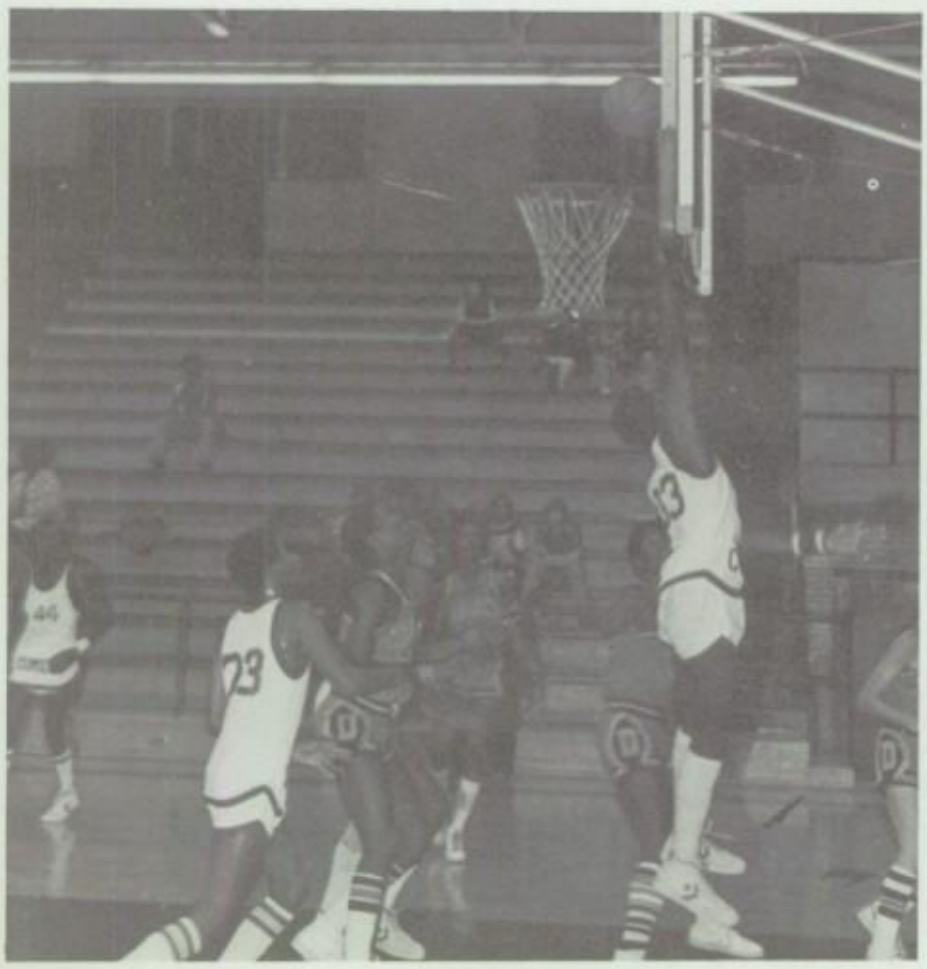
Wood, James
Zachery, Mark

Tony Franklin and John Sames play softball during Red Cross retreat.

SPORTS

Count Down





Front row: Thurman Dennis, Stacy Davis, Michael Fulsom, Anthony Island, Edward Kinchion, James Wood, Steve Travis, Doni Barnett, Gerald Reeves, Eric McDonald, Scott Barklee, Row 2: Coach Nance, Coach Hamilton, Denham Cramer, Willie Jackson, Keith House, Arthur Island, Eddie Jones, Rod Evans, Darrell Ward, Thomas Harlow, Ricky Simpson, Willie Edwards, Emmitt Stevenson, Darrell Walker, Coach Poindexter. Row 3. Mike Whitlock, Mark Danford, Wayne Bighorse, Nathan Plunkett, Jerry Brown, Mike Stevenson, Angelo Solis, Mike Leonard, Todd Cooper, Antonio Aguilar, William Wheeler.

Dissention, Turmoil, Defeat Plague Season

Football Scoreboard

6	Northeast	55
6	Sand Springs	24
0	Southeast	36
6	MacArhtur	64
0	McGuinness	38
14	Capitol Hill	34
6	Star-Spencer	48
0	Ardmore	42
8	Duncan	63
0	Douglass	16

It was a year of dissention turmoil, and defeat for the Comet football team. It was a year full of problems that plagued the team all season. Even The Daily Oklahoman got into the act by writing a biting editorial that stung deeply into the Comets' pride.

Although Classen's football team may not have been successful in winning any games, the player gave 100% effort throughtout and each player is a champion in his own right as each set his own standards and accomplished his own goals, hopefully.

Scott Barkley

Doni Barnett

Dehham Cramer

Stacy Davis

Therman Dennis

Edward Kinchion

Eric McDonald

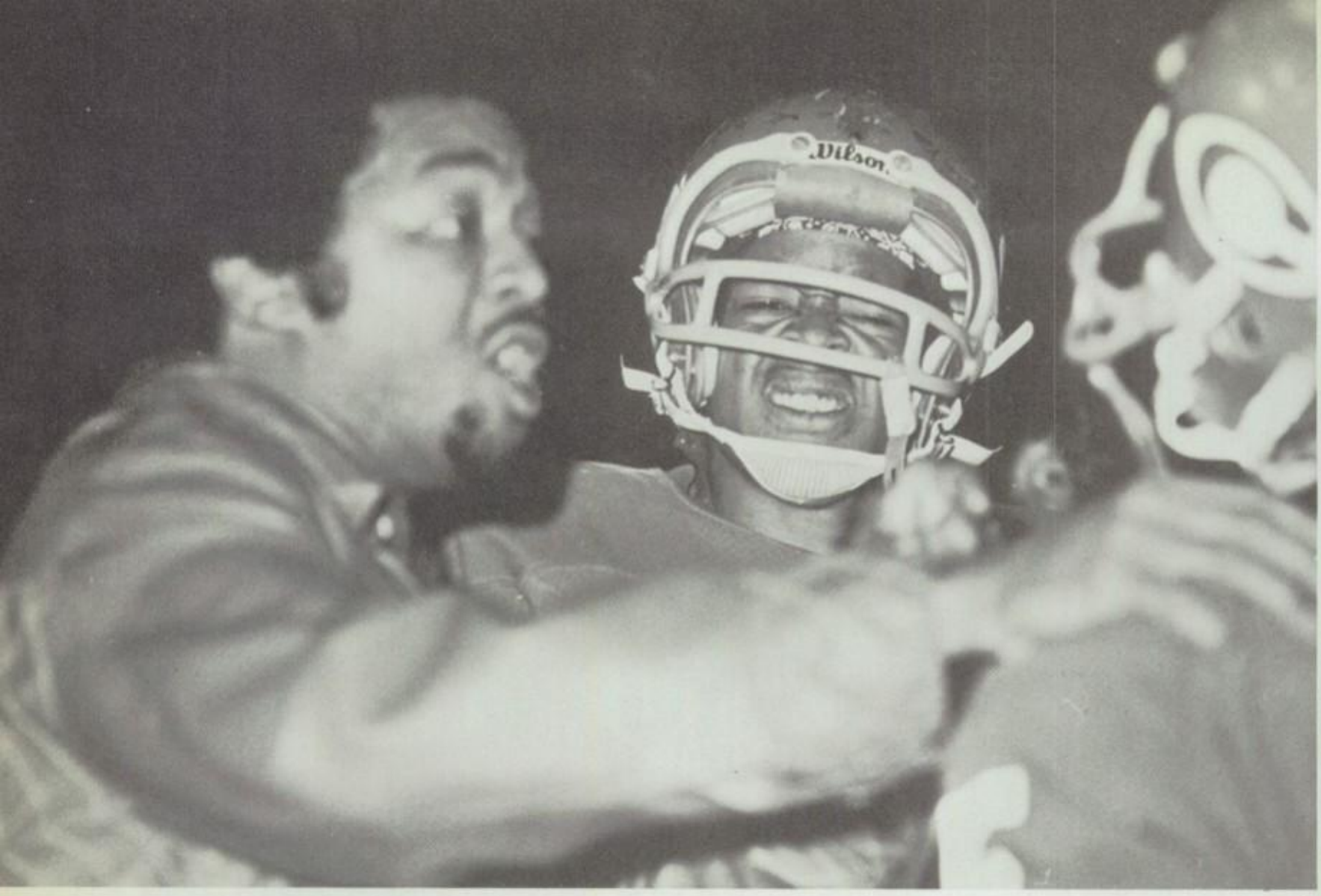
Gerald Reeves

Emmett Stevens

Steve Travis

James Wood

1979 Senior Comet Football Players



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Comets Suffer Disappointing Season

1. Coach Poindexter talks over passing game with Eddie Jones and Willie Edward. 2. Gerald Reeves finds running room as Donny Barnett leads for protection. 3. Darryl Ward makes block against Douglass. 4. Antonio Aguilar punts. 5. Eddie Jones puts fake on Douglass players. 6. James Wood moves into position to give Willie Jackson running room. 7. Darryl Ward receives pass.

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1. The Comet defense goes to work against an opponent.
2. Mike Plunkett, Eric McDonald, and Arthur Island find the winds chilling.
3. Defense is the word as the Comet defense awaits their opponent.
4. Emotions of the season are on Coach Poindexter's face.
5. Antonio Aguilar, Eric McDonald, and Donny Barnett put the crush on an opponent.
6. Emmit Stevenson carries the ball as Gerald Reeves turns to block.
7. Coaches Hamilton and Thompson point out mistakes on game film.

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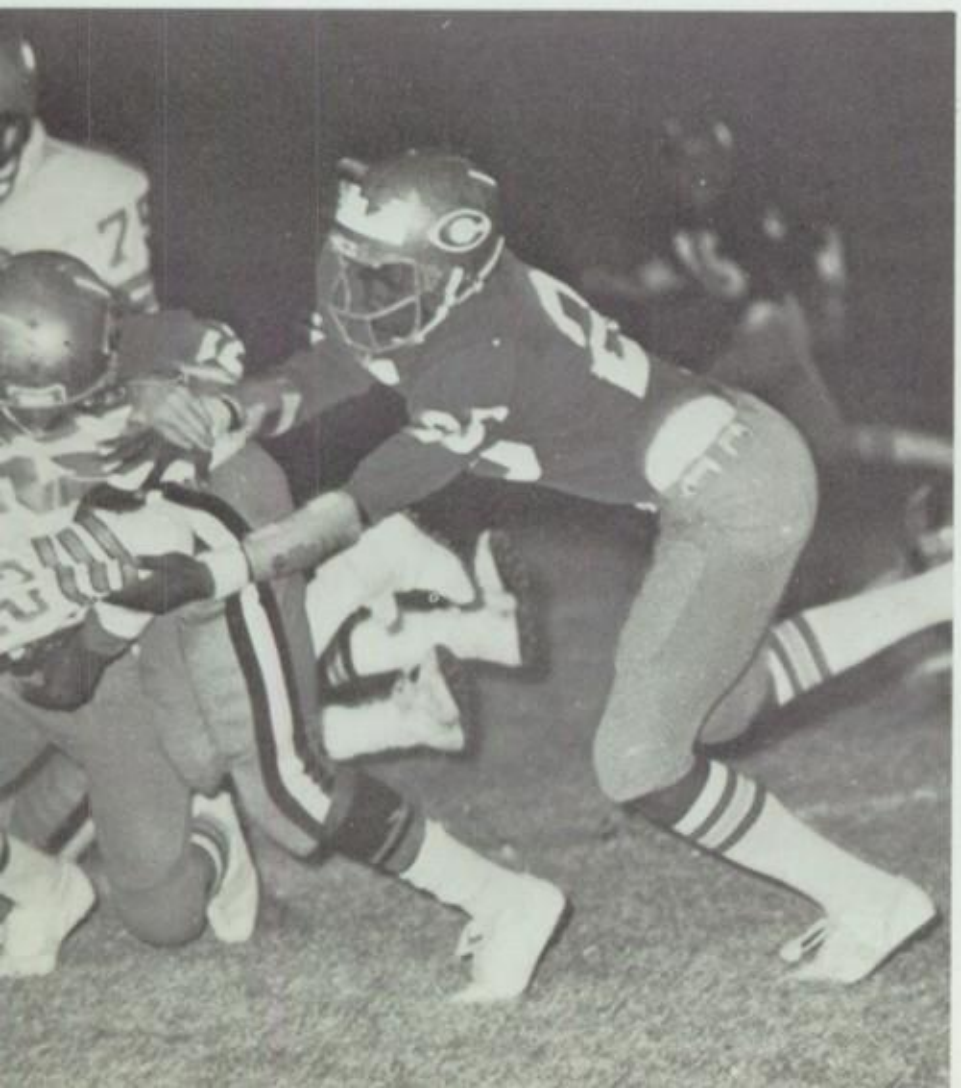

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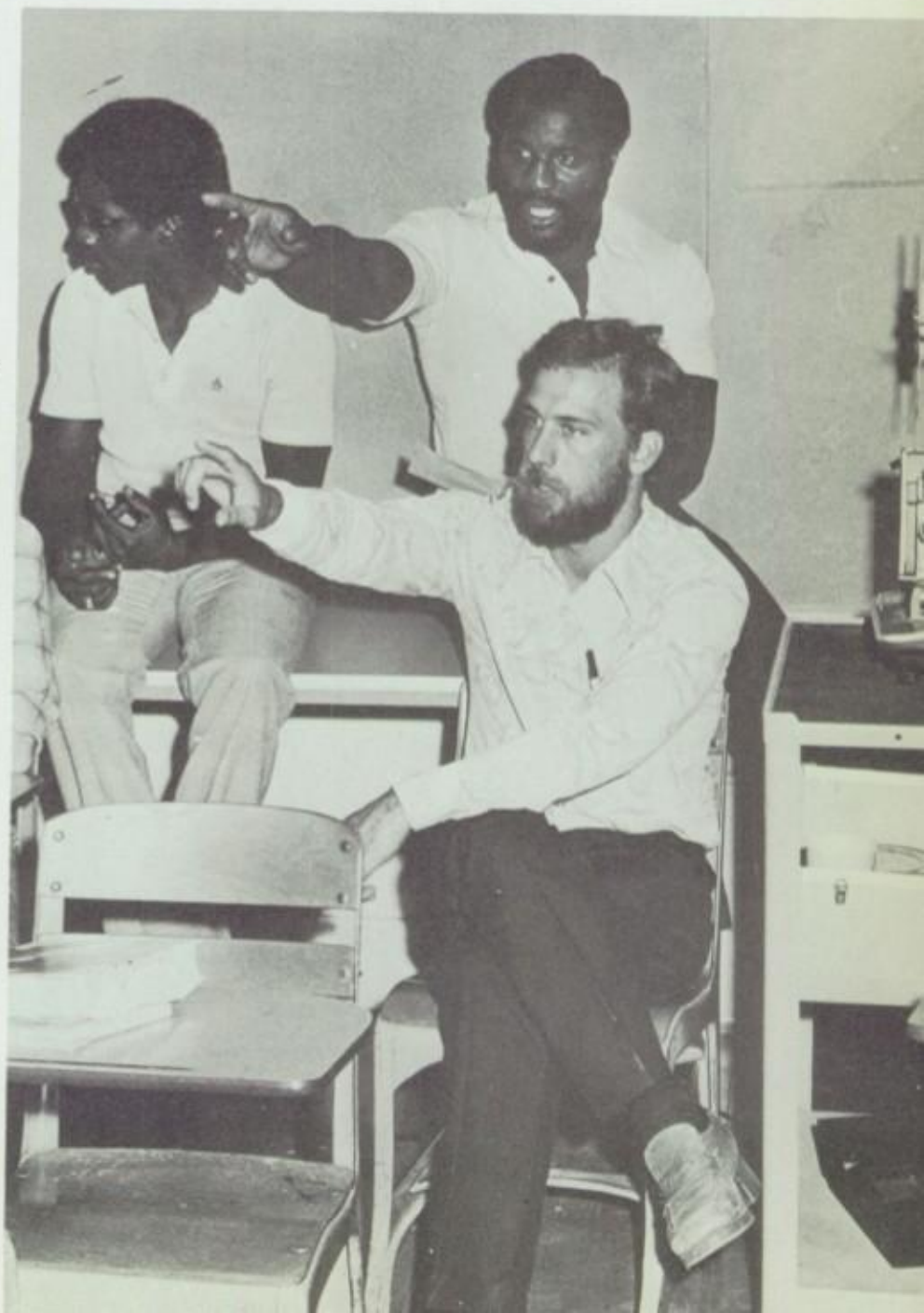

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Ms. Reber Coaches Girls Softball Team

CLASSEN		OPPONENT
1	Grant	9
5	John Marshall	13
6	Star Spencer	4
2	Douglass	5
7	Northwest	9
5	Southeast	4
2	Capitol Hill	3
11	Northeast	9

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1. Sheila Mitchell practices pitching. 2. Second baseman, Cheryl Baxter, awaits softball practice. 3. Kim Nimsey is ready for the ball.

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1. Softball Team: Becky Wilhite, Cheryl Baxter, Theresa Mount, Robin Mitchell, Terri Trail, and Kim Nimsey. Second Row: Lee Ann Wood, Sherry Herndon, Melody English, Karen Brady, Sheila Mitchell, and Lori Hames. 2. Coach Darlene Reber is giving a little pep talk to the team. 3. Terri Trail is up to bat and ready to go. 4. Donita Plunkett practices batting form.

'78-'79 Senior Basketball Players

Morris Williams

Adolph Rambo

James Brown

Larry Oliver

Mark Zachery

Basketball Team: Prince Bridges, Scott Smith, Adolph Rambo, Terry Pickett, Morris Williams, Eddie Carson, Kerry Mucker, Eddie Jones, and Don Bly.

Basketballers-Ranked 8th

CHS		OPP.
54	Star Spencer	73
50	Millwood	49
57	Douglass	58
	Alva Tourn.	
80	Helena State	15
55	Woodward	45
75	Cleveland	69
68	Lawton	54
58	Altus	70
44	Southeast	46
60	Capitol Hill	50
76	Northeast	87
	Star Spencer Tourn.	
77	Tulsa Wash.	79
67	Star Spencer	78
62	Boley	57
60	Capitol Hill	39
88	Lawton	66
54	Star Spencer	69
64	Douglass	46
52	Altus	70
73	Millwood	70
69	Northeast	57
75	Southeast	78
54	Ardmore	79

Fighting through the backdoor, Classen's basketball team closed out the season ranked 8th in the state. The 1978-79 Comets carried on a school tradition with youth, speed, and lack of height. This led most or at least many to believe that the Comets would finish an underdog.

The Comets improved every game as they were defeated 58-57 by Douglass in December and 87-76 by Northeast in Jnuary. However, in a rematch in February, Classen blasted Douglass 64-46. They played the same scene with Northeast in February winning 69-47.

"The Extra Two Miles Of Daily Practice Helped Me In A Lot Of The Meets."
-Sherrie Stewart

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1. Number 15 Larry Oliver makes two points for the Comets. 2. James Brown shows Comets how it is done. 3. Scott Smith recovers the ball to save the game.

Comets Climb Out Of Cellar To High Rank

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1. Don Bly jumps for hoop against opponent. 2. Scott Smith attempts basket at home game. 3. Prince Bridges protects ball to make shot during Trojan game.

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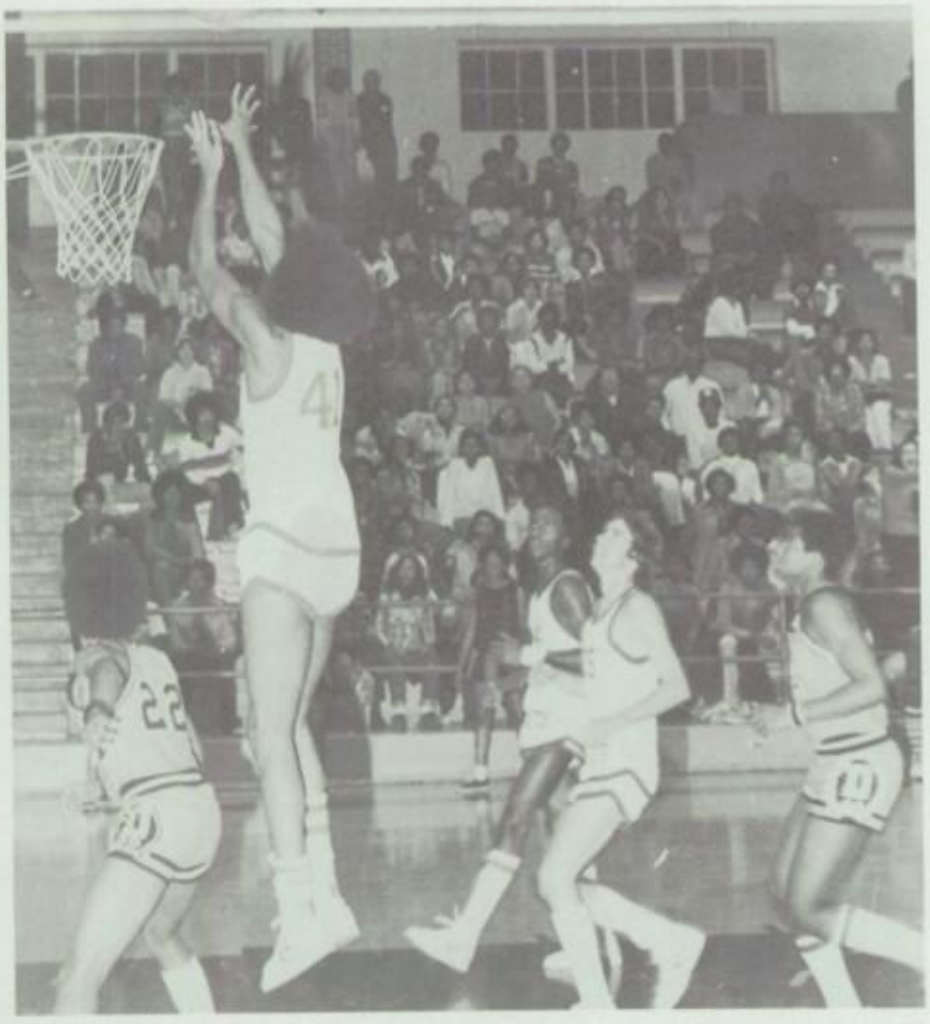
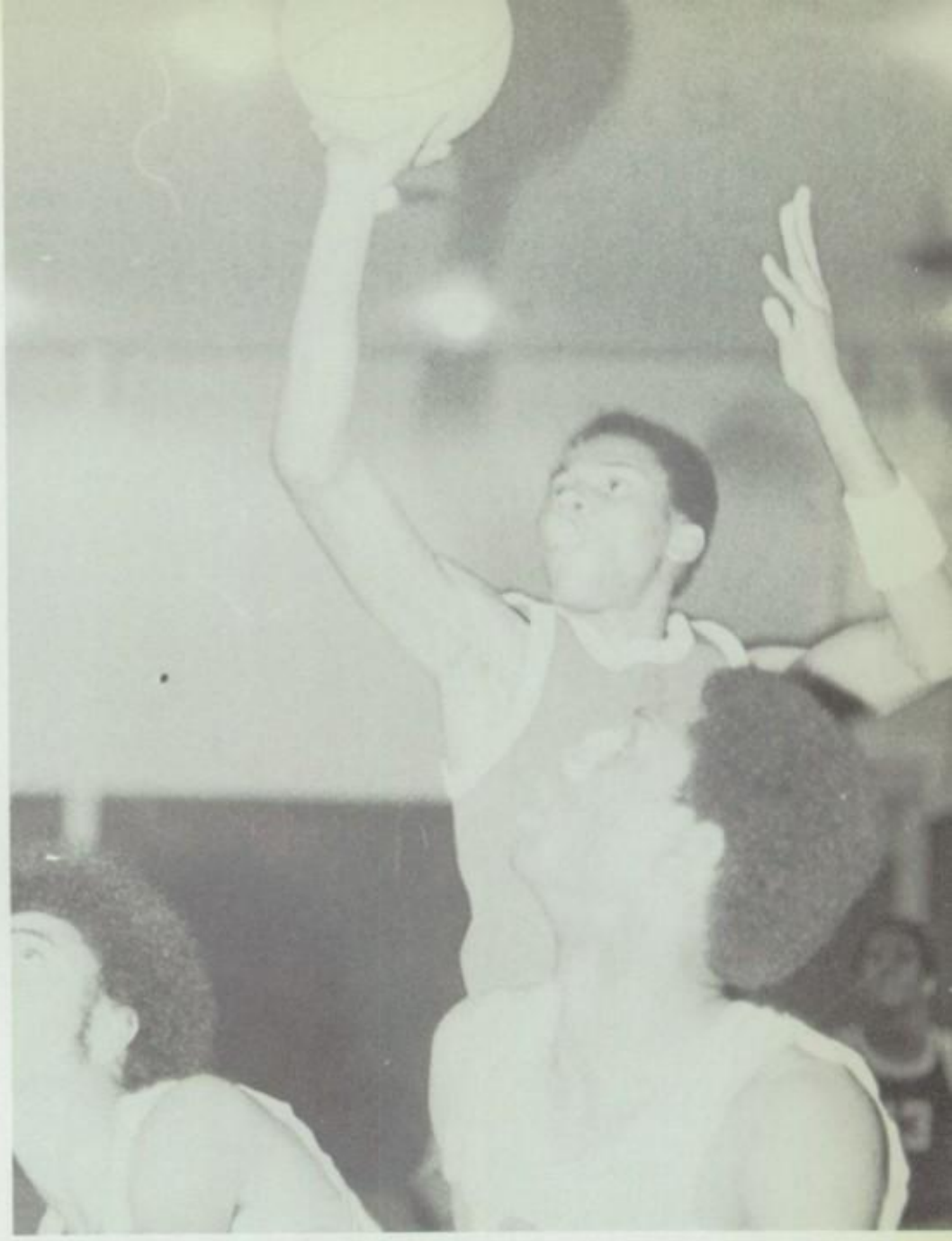
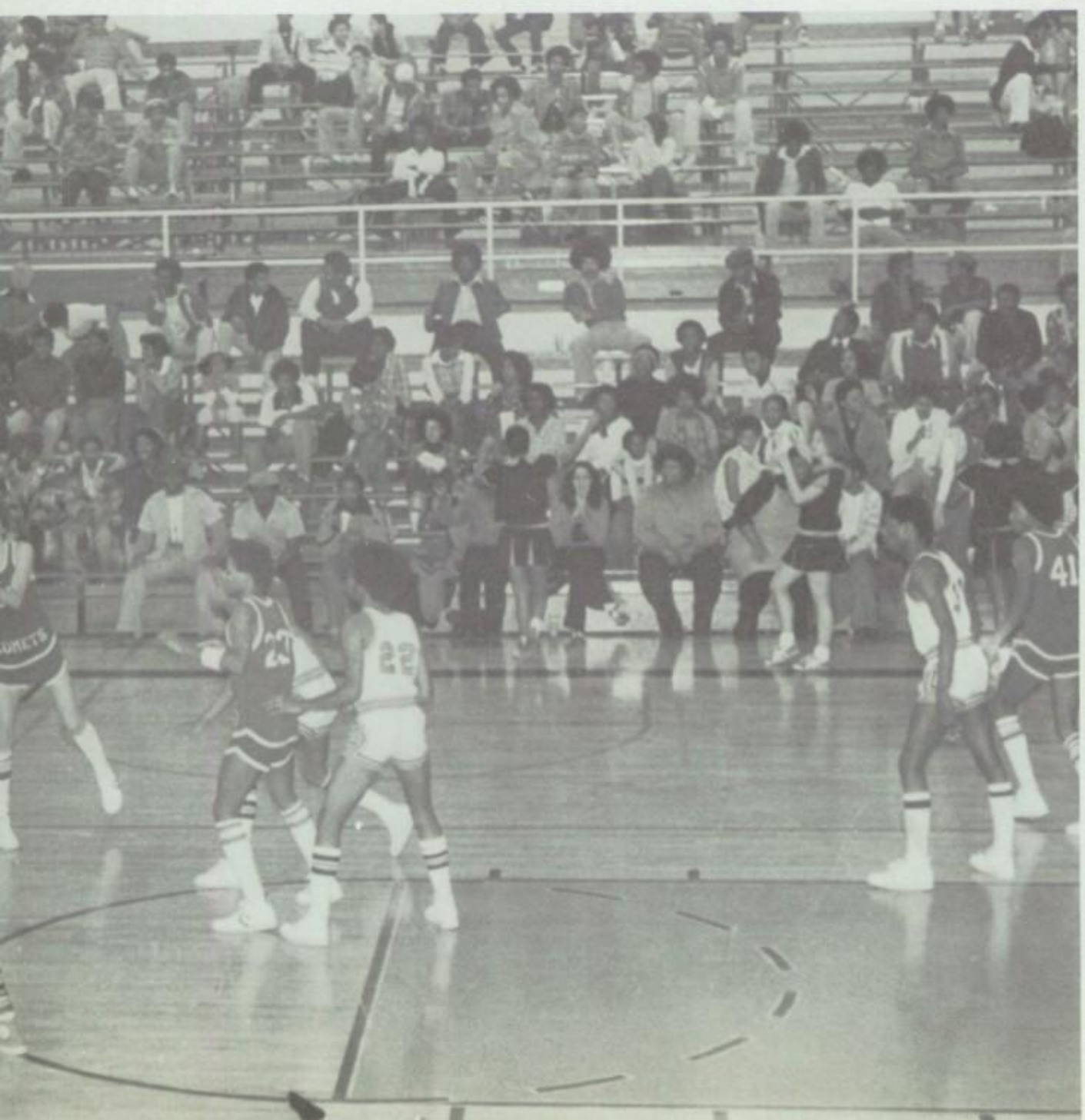
1. Don Bly and Prince Bridges use their Comet offense against a Spencer Bobcat. 2. Prince Bridges and Eddie Carson try for position against Douglass. 3. Prince Bridges and Terry Pickett look on as Morris Williams scores two against Douglass. 4. Terry Pickett get into position in Trojan Game.

Comets Even Up In Conference Play







1. Terry Pickett scores two against Douglass, as Scott Smith and James Brown Observe. 2. Prince Bridges goes up for two against Douglass. 3. Scott Smith passes to an unidentified teammate as Prince Bridges assists.

Girls Basketball Lose With Youth

CHS		OPP.
35	Star Spencer	39
13	Millwood	62
19	Lawton	73
28	Northeast	87
37	Capitol Hill	30
32	Douglass	88
36	Southeast	38
26	Guthrie	70
36	PC North	46
37	Capitol Hill	38
34	Lawton	77
25	Star Spencer	52
21	Douglass	55
23	Millwood	62
15	Northeast	89
35	Southeast	60
34	Ardmore	69

1. Cynthia Sheets gives the comets the advantage over CHHS in the tip off. 2. Girls scramble to regain posession.

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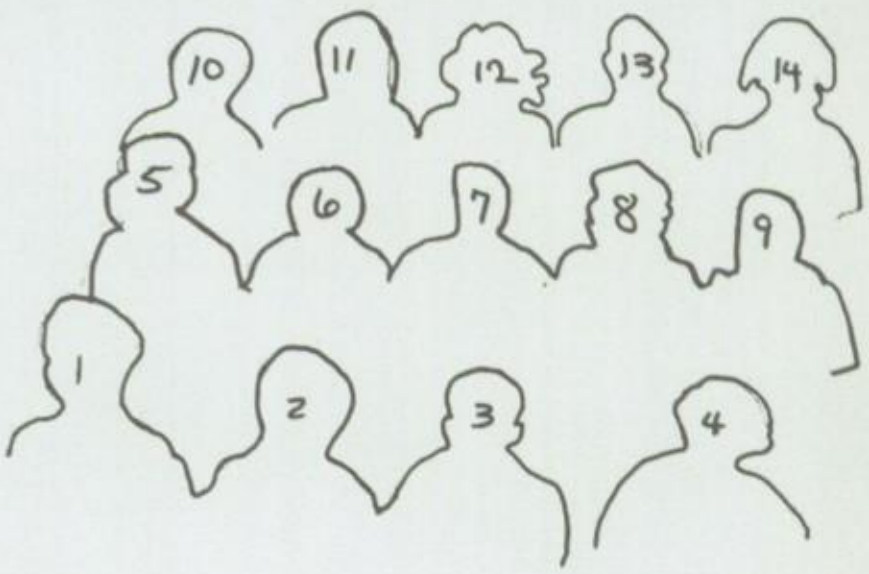

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2. Coletta Poe shows determination against the challenging opponent.

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1. A drink of water and a word of advice from Coach Nance usually fill the time-outs at girls Basketball games. 2. Going up for another two points is Varsity player Pam Boyd. 3. Coletta Poe puts up her best shot in a Comet-vs-Capitol Hill Basketball game.

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1. The ball must come down as Coletta Poe and Tammy Downey fight to get in position for the rebound. 2. Coletta Poe makes a pass. 3. Francine Brown makes a last minute shot against Capitol Hill.

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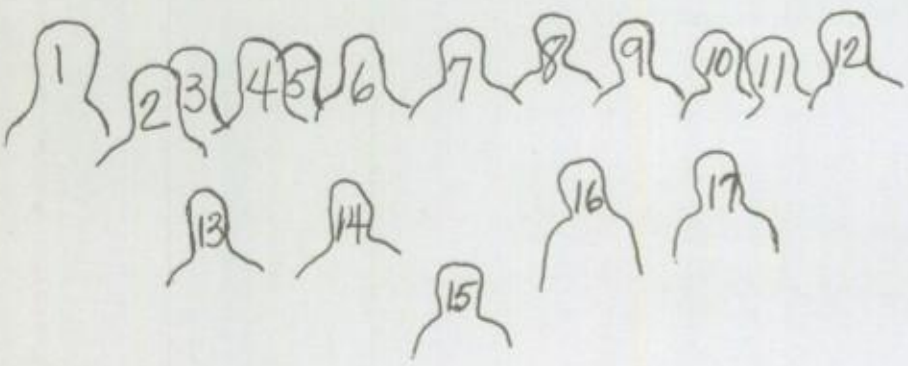
Grapplers Have Disappointing Season



Wrestling Team

Coach Poindexter
Tony Franklin
Jay Sale
Willie Hardimond
Jesse Hicks
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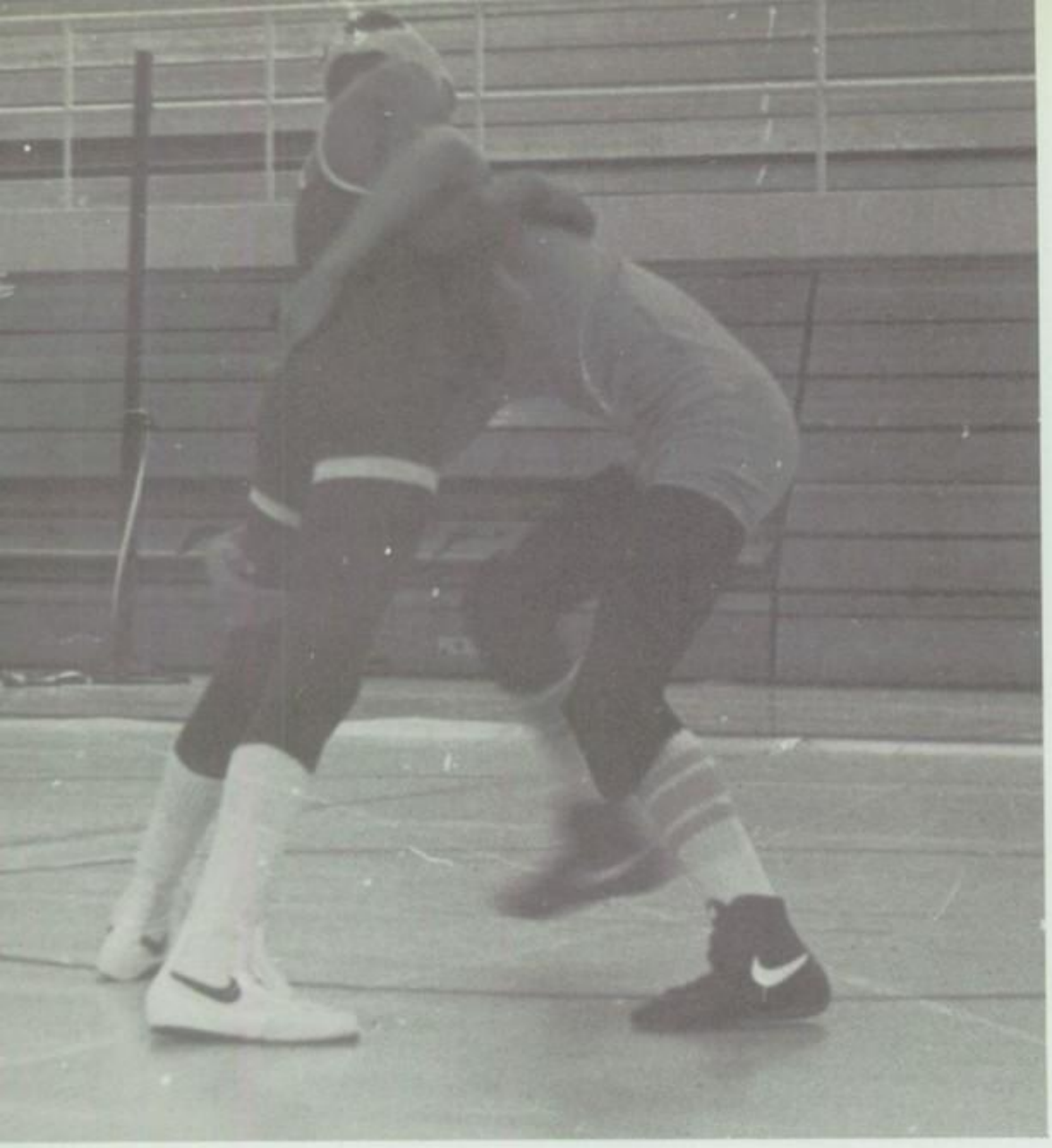

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1. Willie Jackson fights for pin at a Northwest match. 2. Edward Kinchion takes hold during the tournament held at Classen. 3. Thurman Dennis tries to crawl out of this move. 4. Willie Jackson almost pins his opponent.

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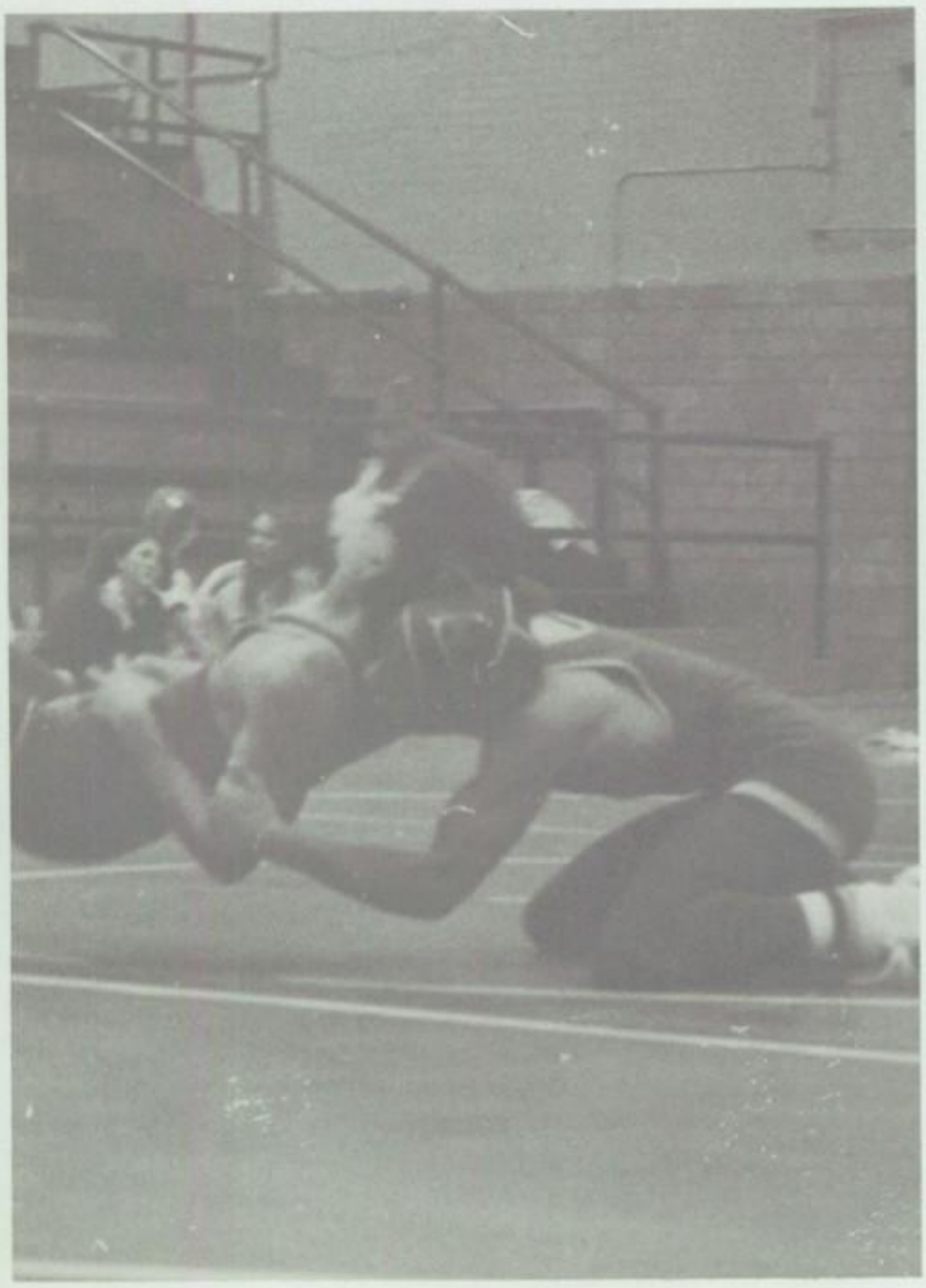

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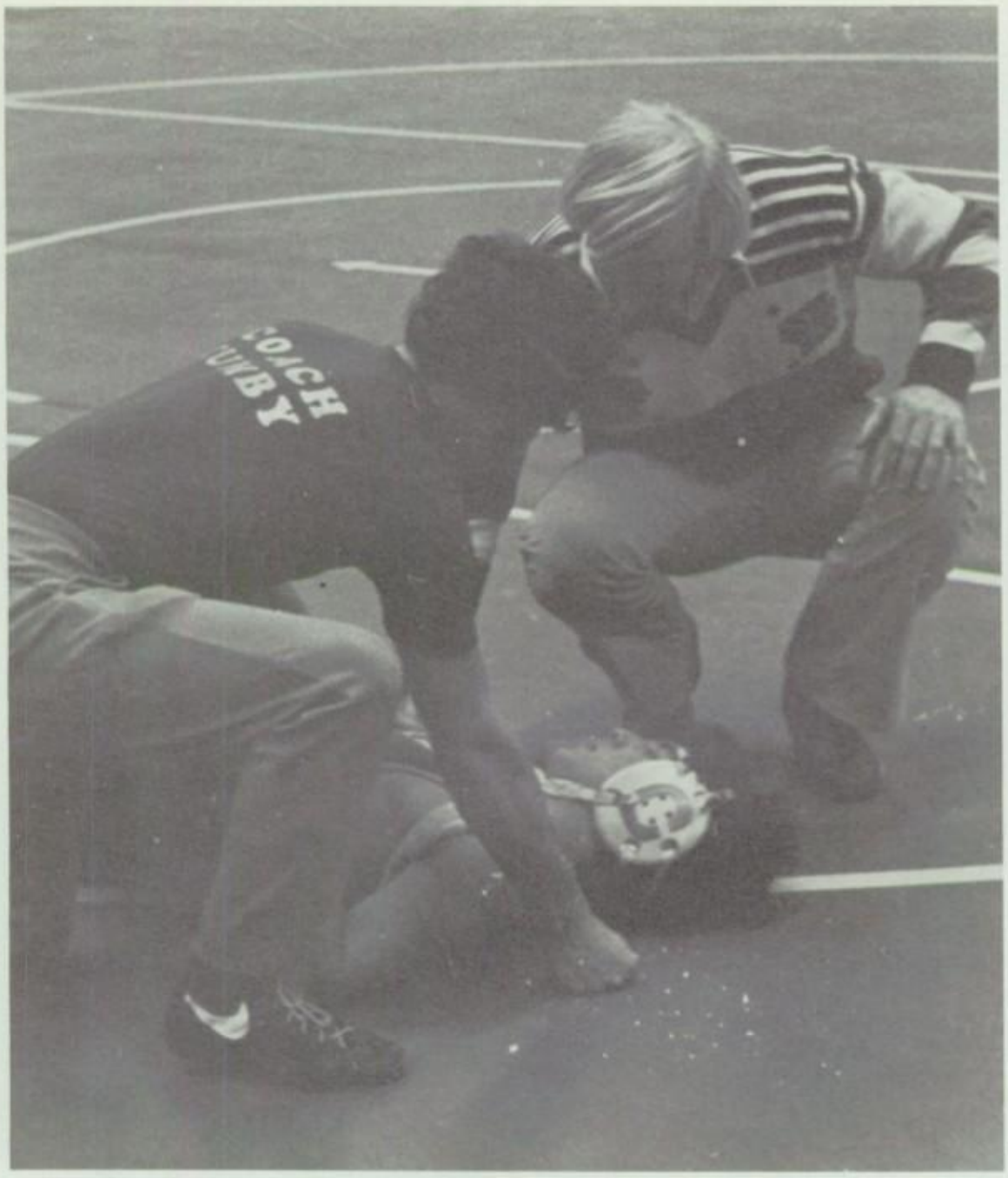
1. John Sheets starts the match on top. 2. Rod Evans wrestles heavy weight and has the crowd on it's feet. 3. Tony Franklin makes an effort to win.



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"My Family Doesn't Know Much About Wrestling. My Mom Just Likes For Me To Have Something To Do."
Therman Dennis

1. Tony Franklin, injured in a match against NWC receives help from coach Cumby and a NW coach. 2. Darrell Ward gets the better of his opponent. 3. Trying his best to gain points for the Comets is Tony Franklin.

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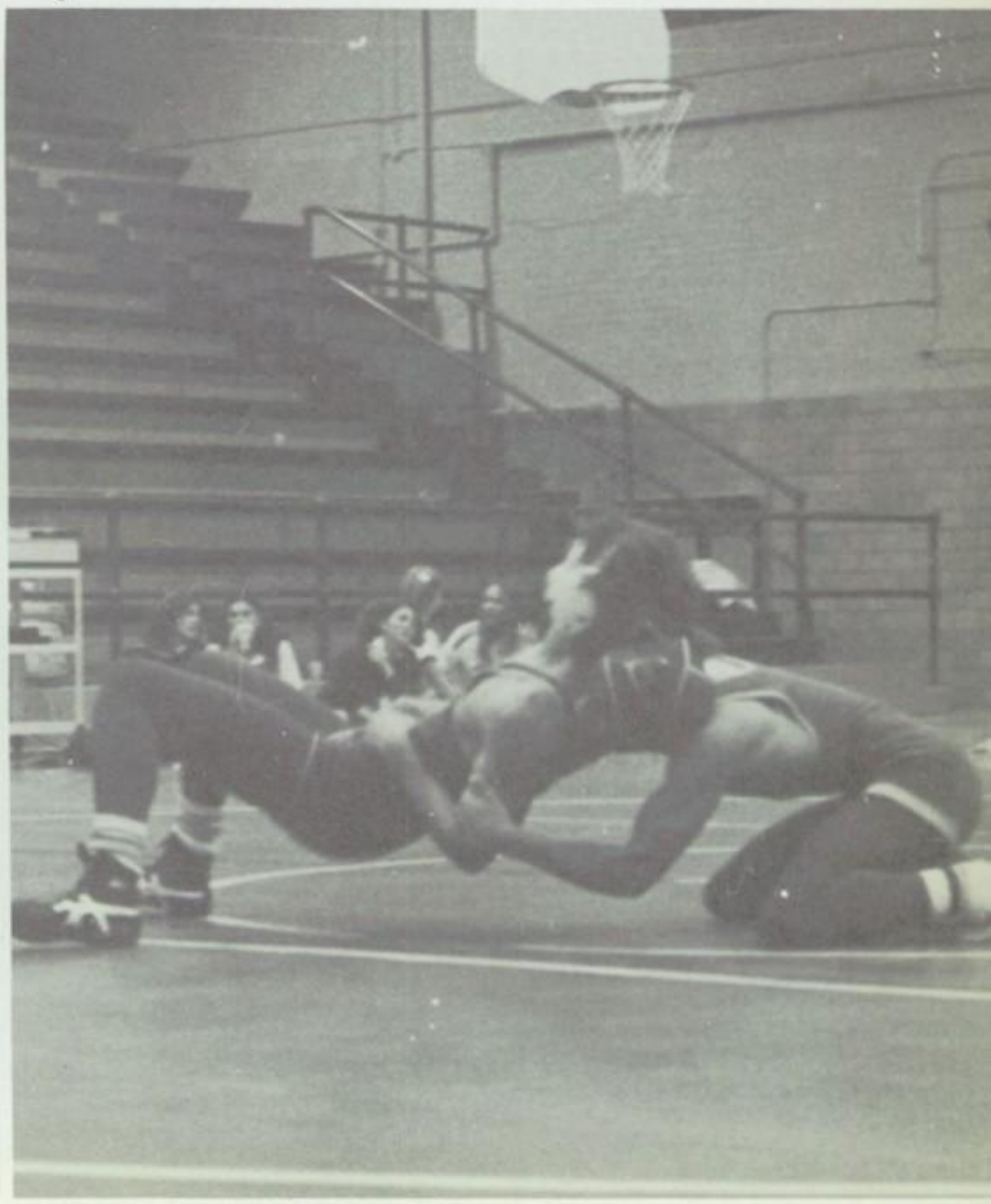

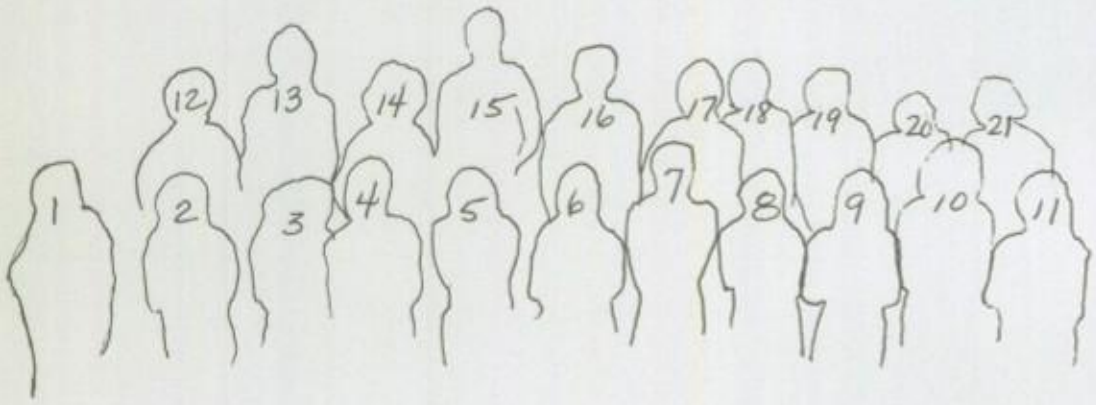

Tennis Team: 1. Mary Hansen, 2. Dannydon Griffin, 3. Sherrie Stewart, 4. Vaughn Woody, 5. Laura Faulk, 6. Redawna Mitchell, 7. Kevin Thurman, 8. Donice Griffin, 9. Doris Arterburn, 10. Diana Winslow, 11. Marie Moss, 12. Norma Manzano, 13. Jessie Hicks, 14. Le Clouse, 15. Keith Hopkins, 16. Chris Anderson, 17. Brad Cox, 18. James Pettiet, 19. Teresa Crenshaw, 20. Sheila Gutierrez, 21. Brenda Walker.

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Coach Fleet Heads Active Tennis Team

1. Hitting the ball with a flash is Redawna Mitchell. 2. Jesse Hicks practices back hand swing during tennis practice. 3. Sherrie Stewart practices for tennis team. 4. Laura Faulk pops the ball over the net with ease. 5. Le Clouse shows style in hitting the ball. 6. Stepping into his swing is Keith Hopkins.

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1. Sherrie Stewart exerts a final effort toward the final line. 2. Boys JV Cross Country team: Front Row, left to right: Scott Wallace, Bill Stueve, Tony Bryant, Second Row: David Frank, Darren Sapcut, James Lee, Graylon Fulsom 3. Girls Varsity Cross Country team; Front row: left to right: Sherry Herdon, Kim Russell, Sherrie Stewart. Second Row Jacky Wilhite, Karen Wolford, Angela Simpson

Cross Country Teams Win Highest Honors

"The Extra Two Miles Of Daily Practice Helped Me In A Lot Of The Meets."

- Sherrie Stewart

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1. Boys Varsity Cross Country team. Front row left to right: John Viney, Paul Henrichs, Lance Welker; Second row: Steve Dennis, John Walker, Jessie Hicks 2. From the look onSherrie Herndons face, one can easily see her determination. 3. The start of the race is just as important to the Comets as the finish.

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Track Teams Produce Great Athletes

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1. Boys Track team, left to right; Jesse Hicks, Steve Dennis, Gerald Reeves, Paul Henrichs, and John Viney 2. John Viney and Paul Henrichs take a few warmup laps. 3. Jesse Hicks runs for track meet. 4. Girls Track team, left to right: Carol Weatherall, Annette Johnson, Lori Hames, Cynthia Sheets, and Tara Weatherall. 5. Jesse Hicks and Steve Dennis take a few warmup laps. 6. Annette Johnson and Cynthia Sheets get conditions before track meet.

1. Showing his pitching technique is senior Stacy Davis. 2. Senior Scott Barkley slides back to base safely. 3. Junior Scott Smith tries to regain his pitching form.

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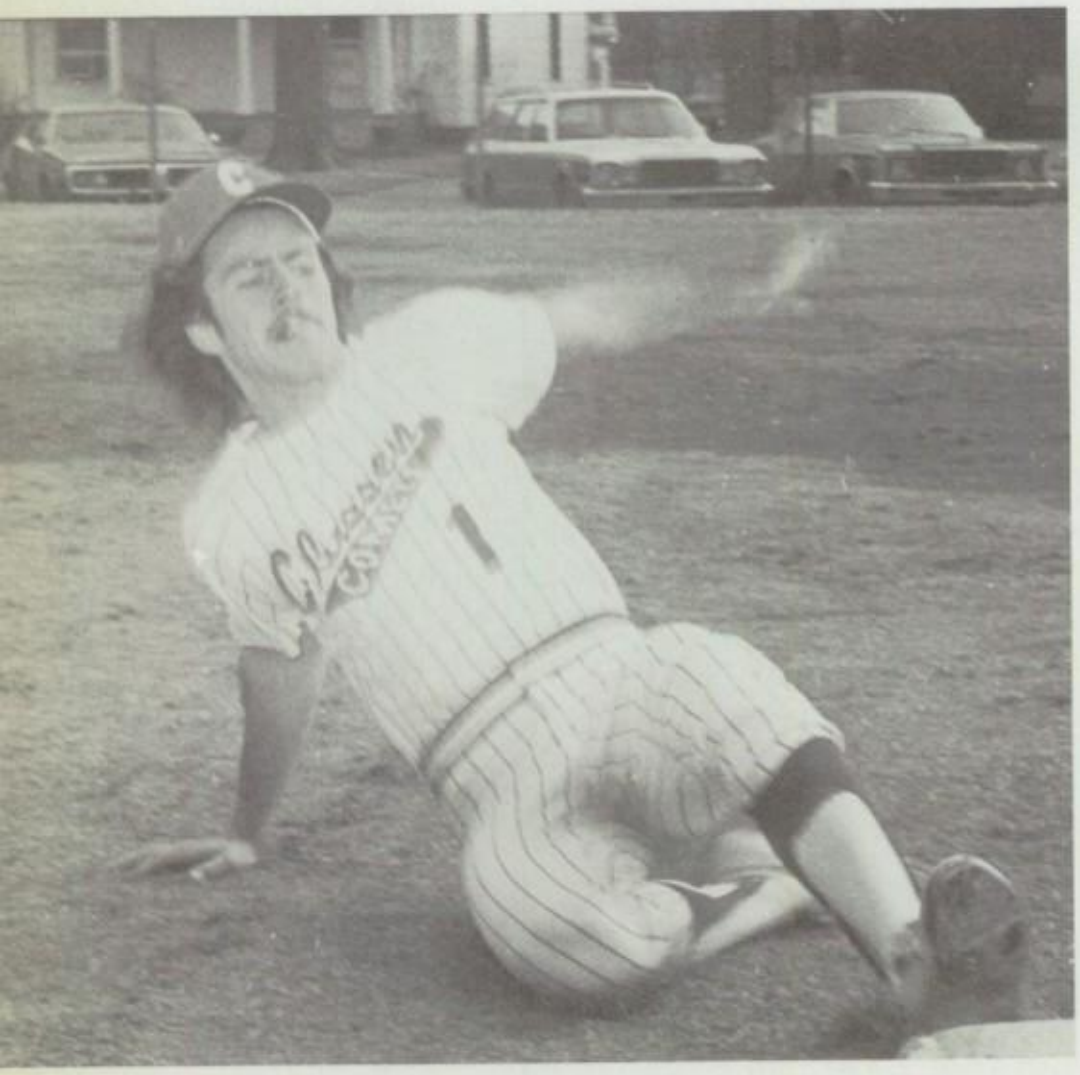

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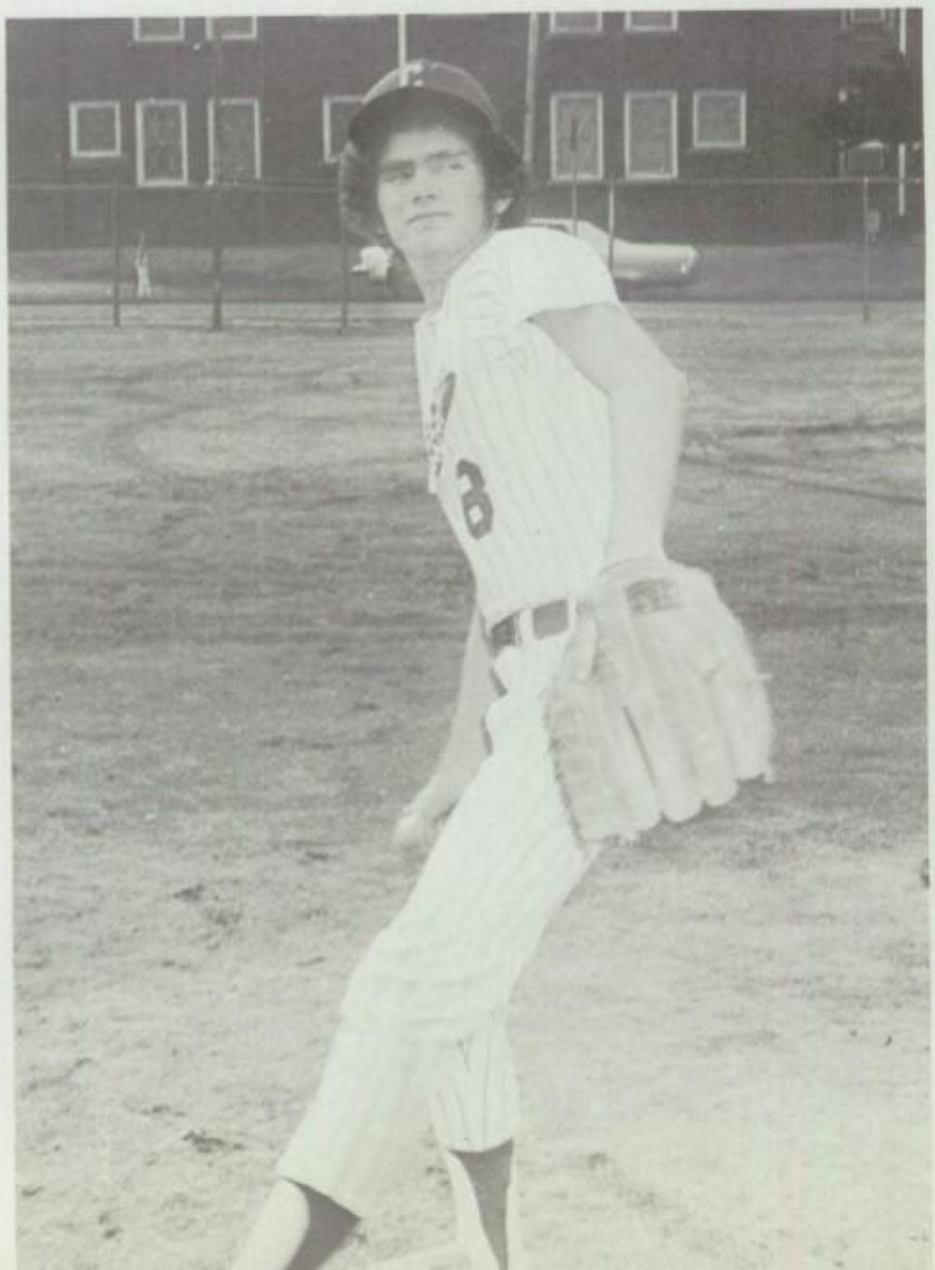

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Baseball Season Get Early Start In '79

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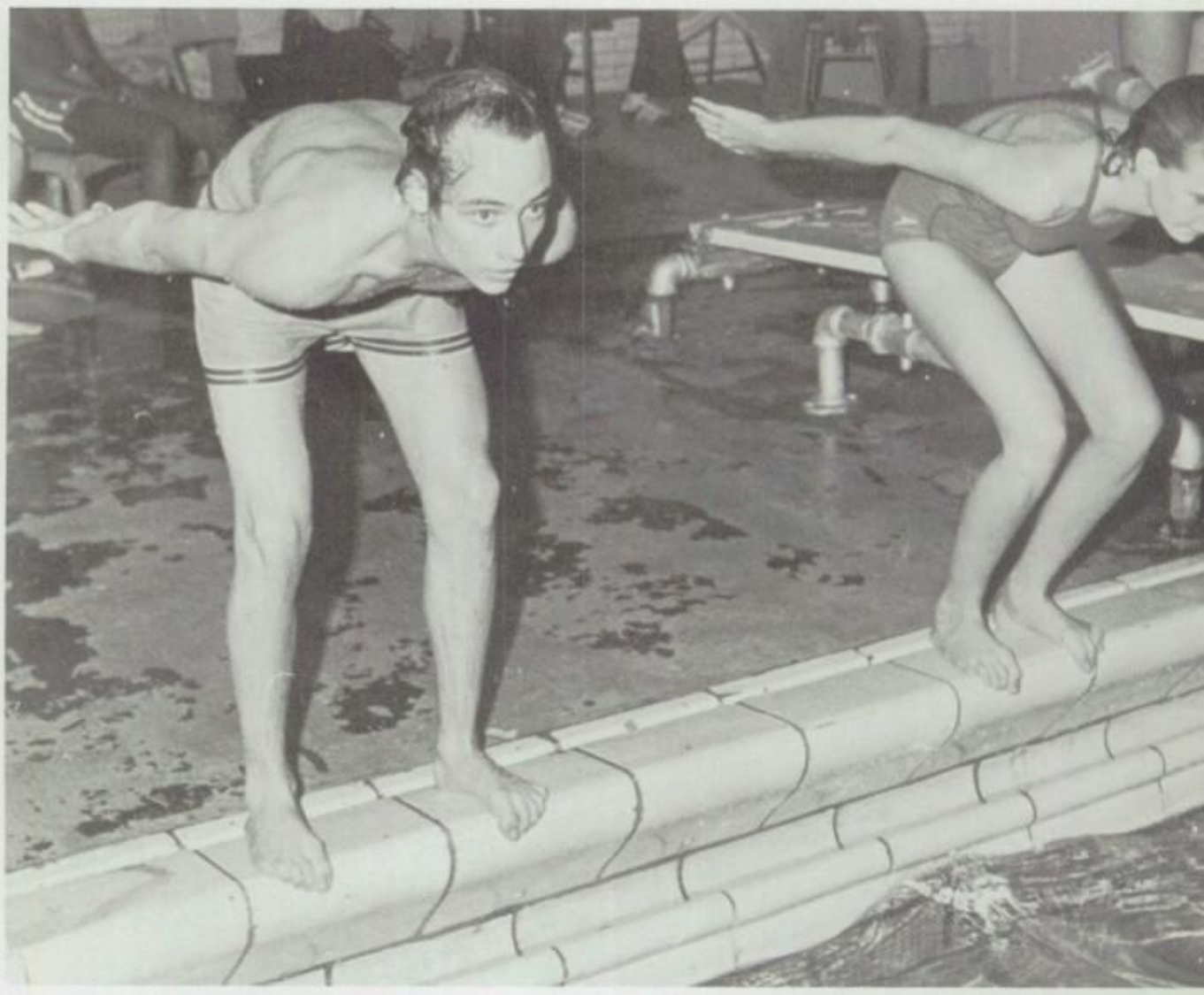
1. Outfielder Kevin Fleming steals another base for the team. 2. Catcher Mike Whitlock practices sliding techniques.

Swimmers Survive Cold Water, Long Workouts



1. Comets, James Lee and Karen Wolford, show anticipation just before the sounding of the whistle.
2. Meagan Brown and Allison Simcox take the plunge, racing style.

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Surviving cold water, exhausting workouts, and a few disappointing meets are all things Comet swimmers go through during the three month season. Since the swimming season lasts from mid November to February, swimmers use indoor pools, which are sometimes difficult to heat. However, daily workouts go as usual, regardless of temperatures.

Workouts for the swimmers, coached by Mr. Frank Tefertiller, last anywhere from one to three hours. Often after practice, swimmers "relax" by playing a game of water polo.

The Comet team is a large one, compared to previous teams, but when sized up with teams like Douglass, it looks tiny. Because a swimmer can only enter in three events, size is vital in swimming competition. Even though the Comet swimmers were good, the team wasn't large enough. In some events the other team had no competion because our swimmers had already gone their limit.

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1. Varsity Swimmer Meagan Brown comes up for air as she swims the breast stroke. 2. Paul Henrichs Comet junior, shows off his perfect dive.

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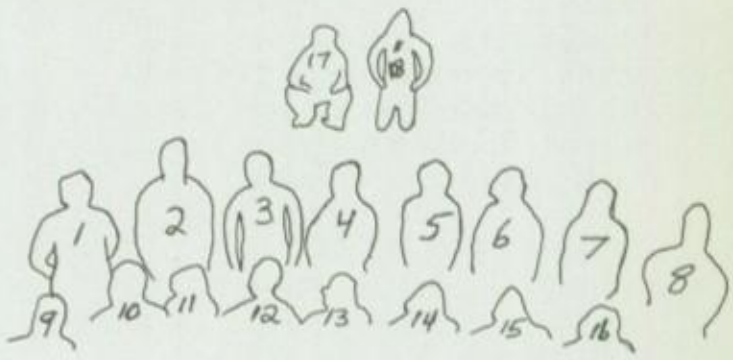


Swim Team: 1. Melody English, 2. Mike Hotz, 3. Margaret Travis, 4. Darrell Thompson, 5. Sherry Herndon, 6. Richard English, 7. Alma Via, 8. Paul Henrichs, 9. Bryson Smith, 10. John Minden, 11. Andy Wilson, 12. Alison Simcox, 13. Karen Wolford, 14. Meagan Brown, 15. Rod Rogers, 16. James Lee, 17. Graylon Fulsom, 18. Dee Kuykendall.

Volleyball And J.V.Complete Seasons

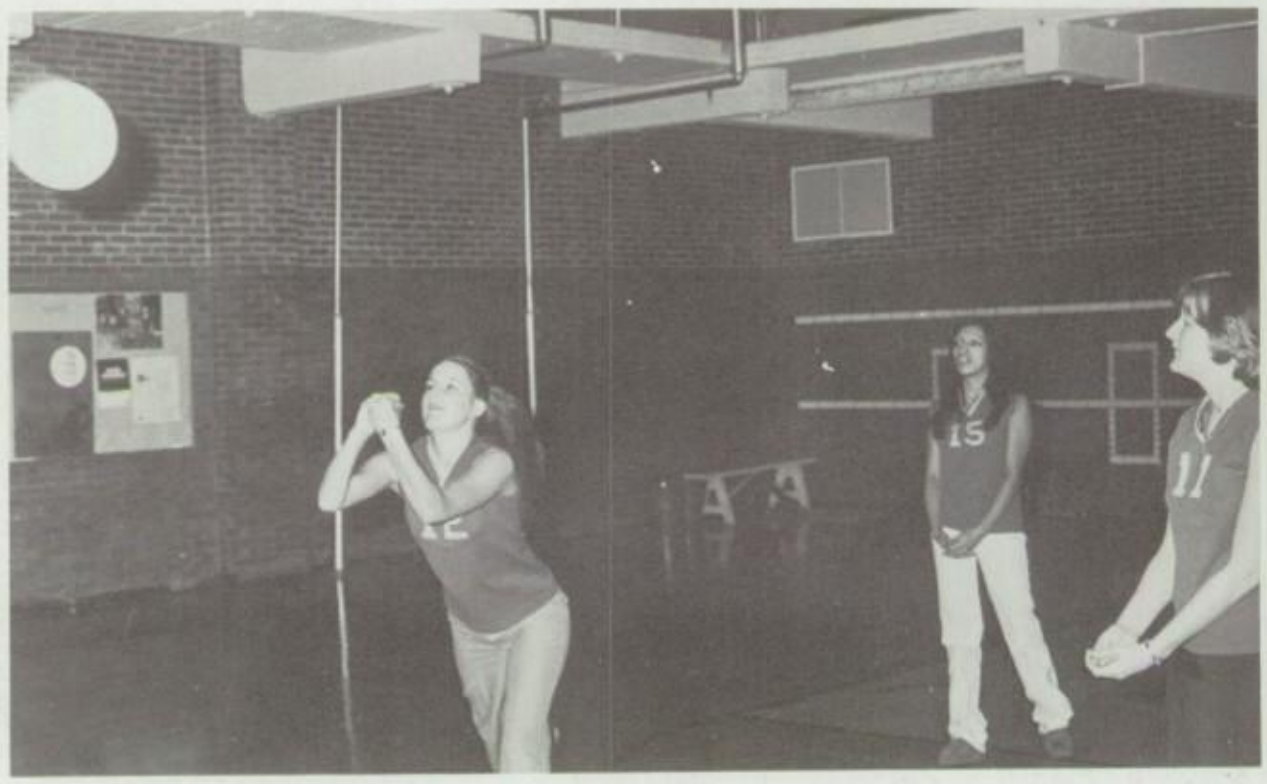
Volleyball Team
Front Row: Chery Baxter, Teresa Trail, and Robin Mitchell. Second Row: Sheila Mitchell, Kim Nimsey and Lee Ann Wood.

1. Robin Mitchell shows her technique in volleyball as Sheila Mitchell and Kim Nimsey look on. 2. Trying their best to keep the ball up in the air are: Cheryl Baxter, Sheila Mitchell, Teresa Trail, and Kim Nimsey.

Freshman Basketball
Front Row: Deitric Pierson, Darren Davis, Oscar Kirkland. Second Row: Randy Pickett, Kevin Reeves, Greg Wiley. Third Row: Darrell Franklin, Coach Lee Hamilton, Jerry Brown.

Girls JV Basketball
Front Row: Trevelle Kelly, JoAnn Scott, Kim Russell, Kim Pollard. Second Row: Lee Ann Wood, Tandra Hogan, Annette Johnson, Visher Carter, Debra Morten. Third Row: Pam Boyd, Avis Lofton, Janice Taylor, Yulanda Weatherall, Janice Gathron.

Boys JV Basketball
Front Row: Deitric Pearson, Darrell Franklin, David Lewis. Second Row: Eddie Jones, Kerry Mucker, Derek Griffin, Randy Pickett, Coach Maurice Daniels.



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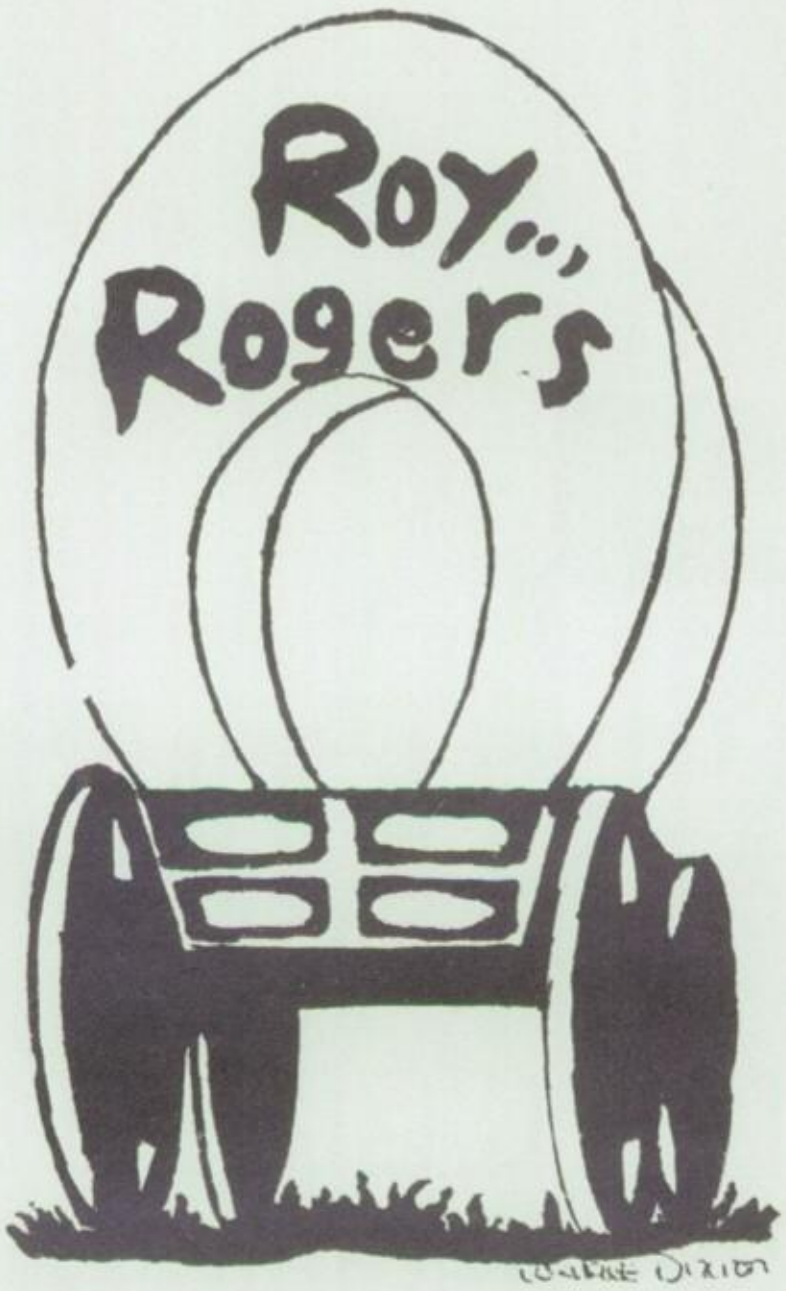

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